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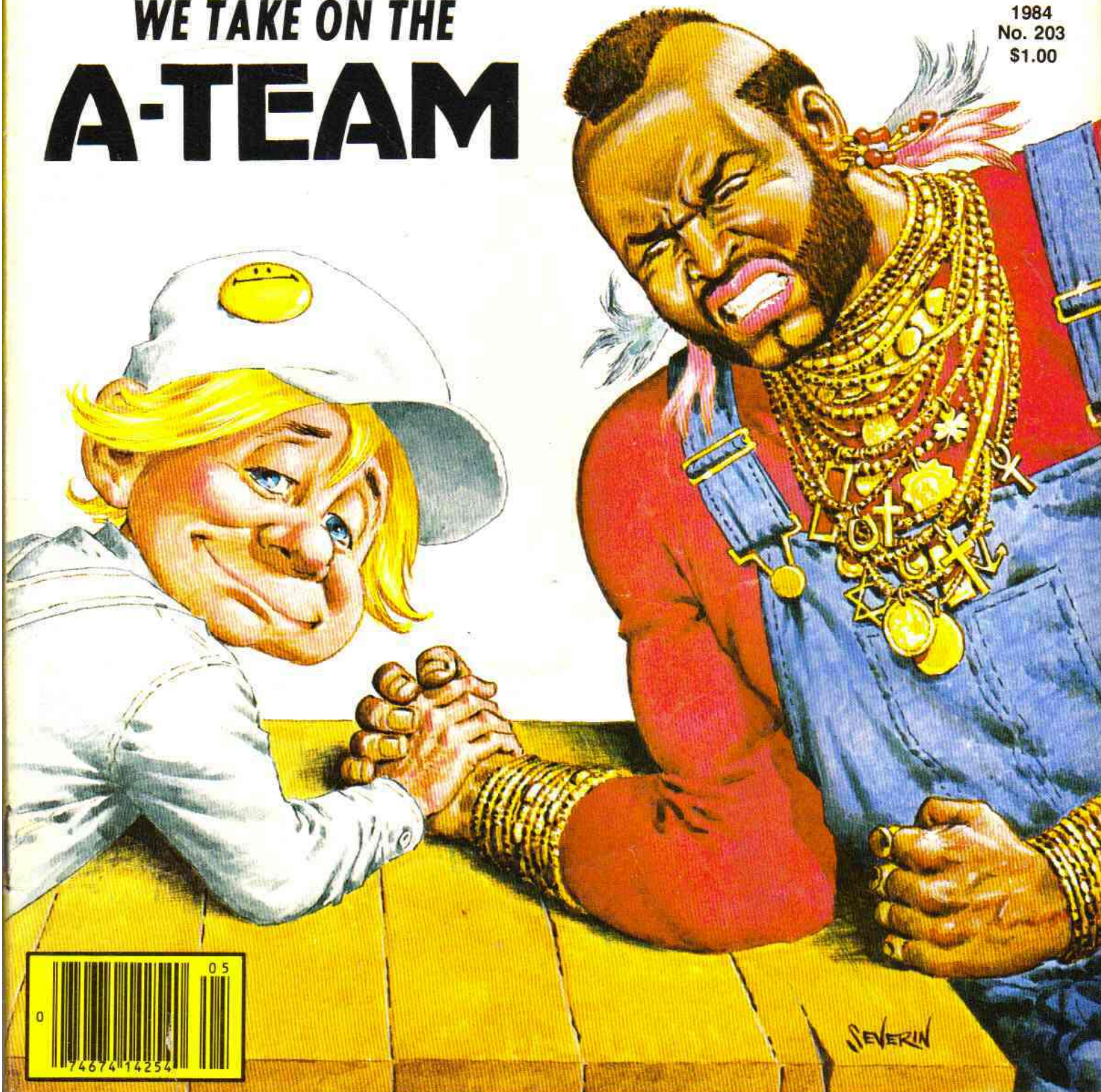
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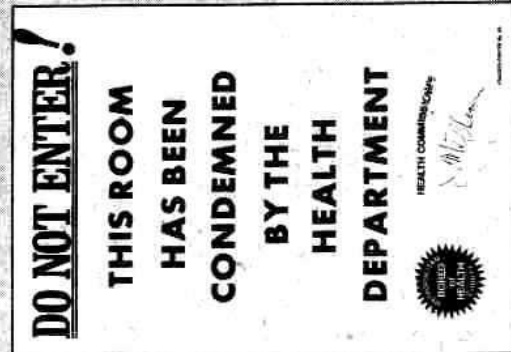
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WHAT'S UP FRONT OUR COVER

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Better let Mr. T win the next
match . . . we wanna keep him on
our team!



LETTUCE from our Readers



ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO CRACKED LETTUCE, 239 PARK AVENUE SOUTH SUITE 5D, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10003

Dear CRACKED,
In your last issue you ran the article
DON'T YOU FEEL STUPID. Didn't you
run the same article in the issue before?

Jim Knoll
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Dear Jim,
The title you're referring to is now a
regular feature. In fact, it's in this
issue too. And speaking of feeling
stupid, Jim!

Dear CRACKED,
How many people work at CRACKED?

Mike Smith
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mike,
Although there are many people
employed, we can think of only one
other person, outside of Sylvester,
who actually works.



Dear CRACKED,
My sister and I have been having an
argument about CRACKED that we
hope you can settle. Is the writer Ruth
Severin related to your artist John
Severin in any way?

Louann Ferrari
Keene, N.H.

Dear Louann,
Yes. They're brothers.

Dear CRACKED,
I think I spotted an ERROR in your last
issue.

Matt Altshuler
Jackson, Wyo.

Dear Matt,
We hate it when umpires read our
magazine.

Dear CRACKED,
Would you believe that I read each
issue of CRACKED over 20 times cover
to cover!

Ben Shields
Boston, Mass.

Dear Ben,
Takes you that long to get some of
our jokes, huh?

Dear CRACKED,
If I read CRACKED 200 times in a row,
would it be a record?

Hope Ferrari
San Diego, CA

Dear Hope,
No, we're afraid it would still be a
magazine!

Dear CRACKED,
Just wanted to let you know that my
whole family really liked ONE DAY AT A
COMPANY PICNIC. Even my uncle
laughed!

Peggy Harris
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Peggy,
What about your ant?

Dear CRACKED,
The drawings in ANOTHER SIDE OF
LIFE reminded me of the artwork done
by an artist in another humor magazine.
Your piece wasn't drawn any chance by
you-know-who himself?

Lester Stokes
Boulder, CO

Dear Lester,
Yup. That was none other than the
work of Pablo Picasso.

Dear CRACKED,
I can't believe it! You did it again! In
CRACKED #201 you did my 2 favorite
TV shows, AYY TEAM and 3's COM-
PANY and in CRACKED #202 you did
my 3rd favorite TV show, KNIGHT
RIDER. How do you guys do it?!!

Dave Martin
San Diego, CA

Dear Dave,
We do it with a little help from our
friends like you—and speaking of
friends like Dave Martin how about
you other fans out there letting us
know your 3 favorite TV shows—
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Just wanted to let you know that
whenever HUDD & DINI breakout, so
do I—in laughter!

Peter Post
Springfield, IL

Dear Peter,
Glad to hear you like the striped duo
because you'll be seeing more of
them in future issues.

Dear CRACKED,
Please answer this etiquette question
for me. Which hand do you use to stir
your soup with?

Lara Sminelli
Portland, OR

Dear Lara,
Neither. Use a spoon.

Dear CRACKED,
For weeks I've been trying to crack the
secret message on the cover of your
last issue using the decoder I received
with my subscription. But so far, no
luck. What does 746741425403 mean
anyway?

Cindy Blain
Brentwood, NJ

Dear Cindy,
Hate to break this to you, but that's
NOT a CRACKED message. That's
the UPC code!

Dear CRACKED,
I am writing you for the first time to tell
you how great your magazines are. My
mother says reading them keeps me
from doing nothing during my free time.

Debra Young
Town Unknown

Dear Debra,
And putting them together helps
keep our writers and artists from
doing nothing during their WORK
time.

Dear CRACKED,
YOU KNOW YOU'RE BORING WHEN
... you send the same letter as
everyone else to CRACKED asking
them to put your name in their
magazine—speaking of which ...
would you?

Doris Riker
St. Petersburg, FL

Dear Doris,
Seems we already have!

Dear CRACKED,
Who writes your WORD PLAY?

Ron Grillett
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Dear Ron,
William Shakespeare.



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In going through our mail lately, we've been finding letters asking for a number of things. Some asked us to pat Paul Latowsky on the back for his all D report cards (and they said he couldn't improve his grades), while others wanted us to congratulate Phil and Wendy on the birth of their new little baby boy (so what if he looks like his father—he'll grow out of it). But even more of the mail begged us to do a satire of a certain TV show that starts out something like this:



THE A-A-AYY TEAM



Great disguise.

Actually I had my heart set on being an éclair, but we ran out of chocolate. Oh well. Come on back here.

So what's your problem?

At the moment, **lack of circulation.** Couldn't we move to a bigger booth?

Sorry, but this one affords us the best look out. The police are after us you know.

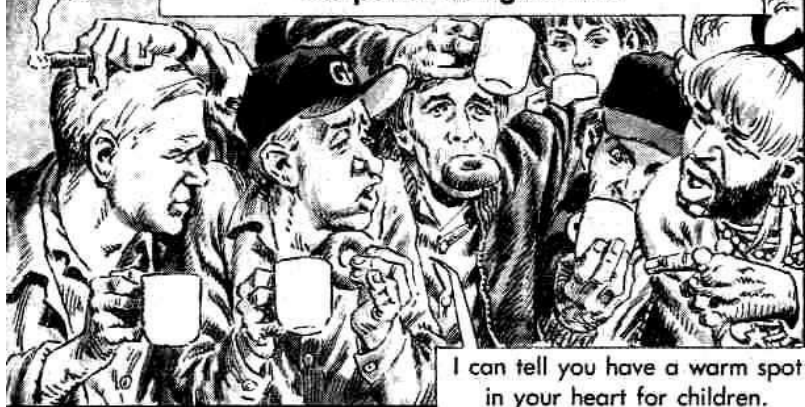
Not to mention a couple of guys from the cast of **HAPPY DAYS.** They're **really** upset over what we've been doing to their ratings. Tee hee.



So why did you want to meet with us anyway?

Well, you see, I own the Glade Arcade down at the Scubby Doo Celebrity Mall and **someone's** been **tampering** with my video games.

So **why** do you need **us**? If you catch a kid putting a slug into one of your machines, just take him out back and **punch** his **lights out.**



I can tell you have a warm spot in your heart for children.

Hey, fool! **Watch it!** I love little children.

Especially with salt and pepper.



I apologize.

Anyway, slugs aren't my **problem.** It seems someone's been **reprogramming** my games. For example, if Q-Bert squashes a snake, instead of getting 500 extra points, the player winds up with **52,000.** Kids are playing on my machines for up to **3 weeks** on one play. I'm going broke.



I want The A-A-Ayy Team to find out **who's** doing this. If you do, I'll pay you **anything**—with one condition.

What's that?

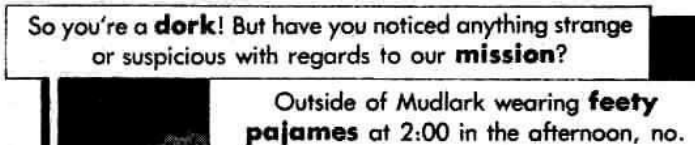
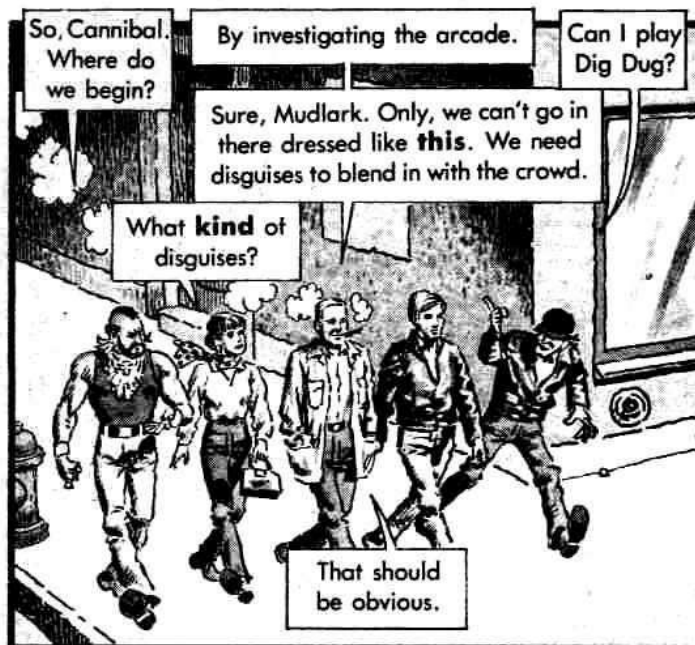
You have to take your fee in **quarters.**

Sure, if you want me to.

Deal!

MENU





All clear. Bring in the hand cart.

So which one does the boss want?

STAR RAIDERS was fixed last night.
Grab the game next to it.

Right.

Oooh this thing is **heavy**. That Ms. Pac Man must really be **packing** away the **power pellets**.

They're gone.

Quick! We gotta follow them.
They've got B.O.!

So **that** was the **strange odor** I smelled when they walked in here.

Into the van.

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SNIFF!
SNIFF!

I think that's their truck over there.

THIS TRUCK CONTAINS
STOLEN VIDEO GAMES

KAFF!
KAFF!

There they are.

Uh oh. They just went through that tollbooth.

Anyone got a quarter?

I spent all mine on Dig Dug.

Darn.

Cannibal, why didn't you just drive **through** the toll gate instead of letting them get away?

Of course! Dumb! **Now** you know why I always let B.O. drive.

And speaking of B.O., I wonder how he's doing?

There you go boss.
The game you wanted.

Give me a quarter,
so I can try it out.

HEY! What's goin' on?
That ain't Ms. Pac Man.

Just as I suspected.
Get out of there.

That's easier said than done.

Boss, it's
a woman.

With a beard
and moustache?

All right an **ugly** woman.

Yeah. Can't you tell by the
29 pounds of **jewelry** and
the **feathered earrings**?

I ain't no woman.

I believe him.

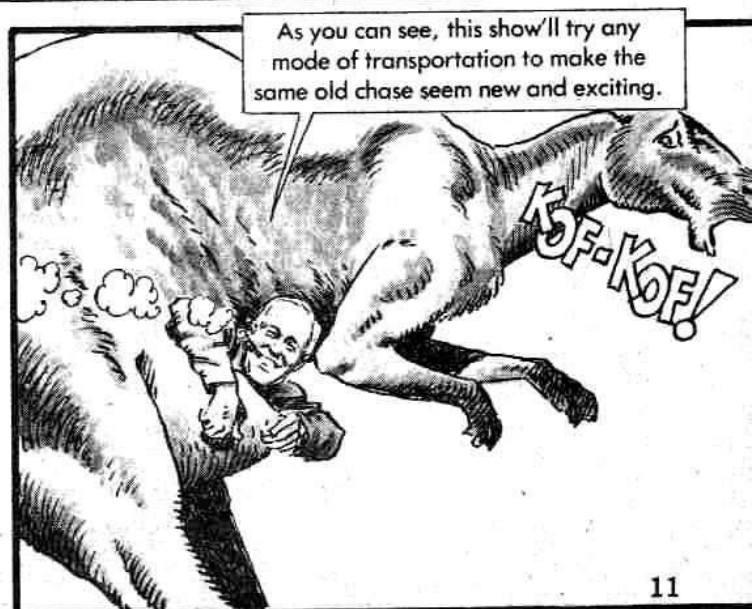
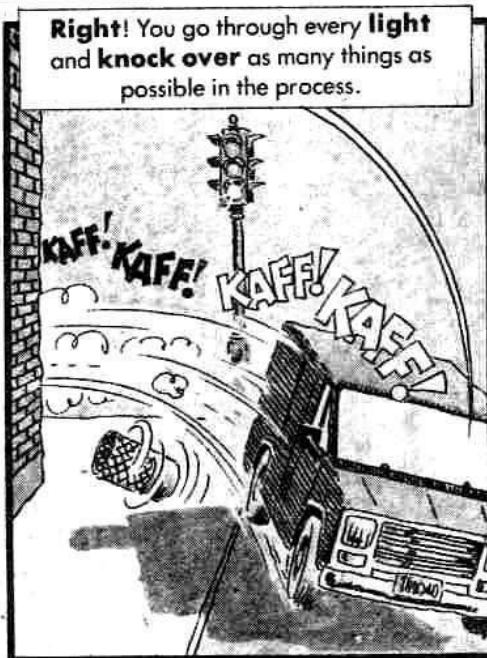
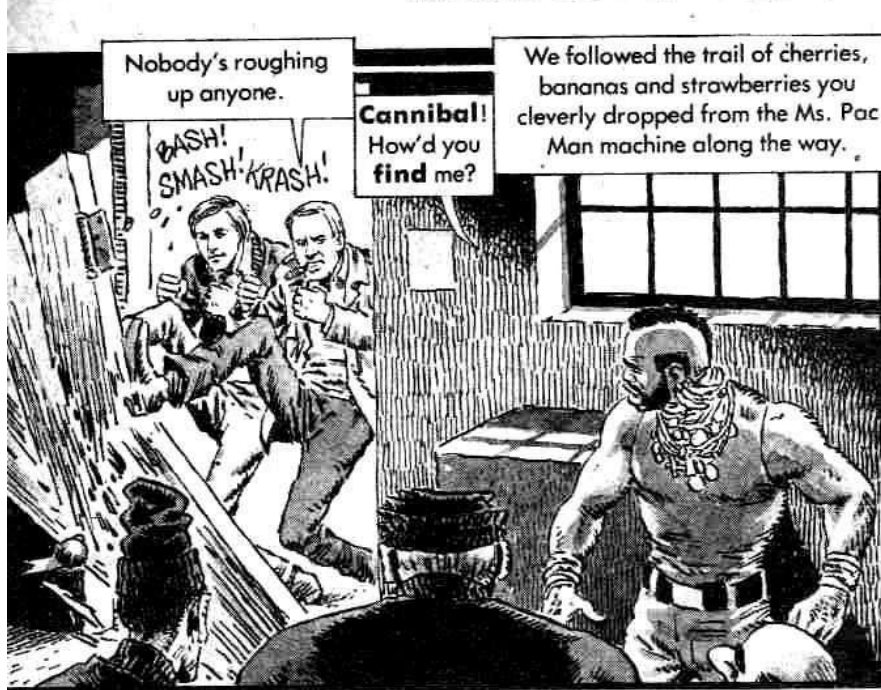
THONK!

Who put you up to this? Was it Irving Glade?

You ain't getting any answers out of me **fool!**

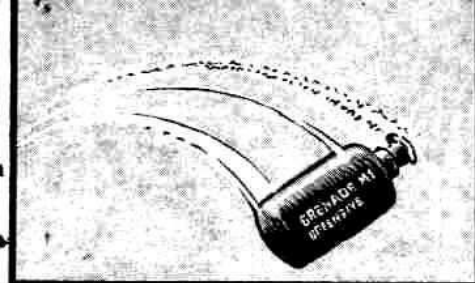
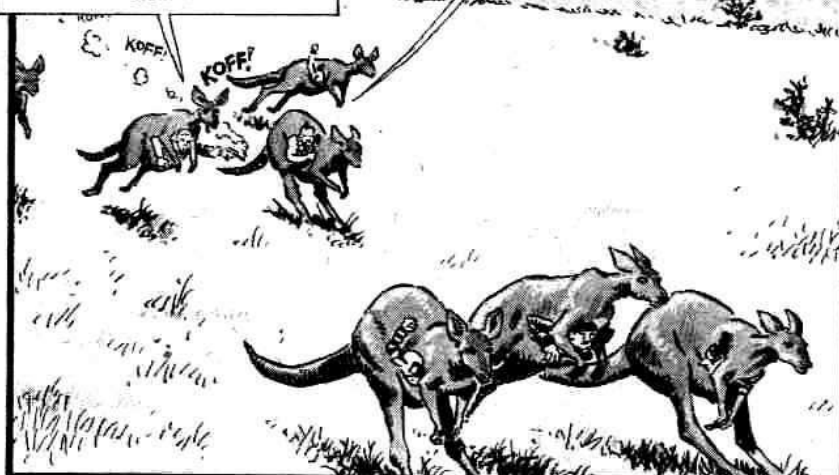
Oh no? Then we'll just have to **rough**
you up. Get me some **sandpaper**.

SANDPAPER



Their kangaroos are too **fast** for **ours**. We gotta slow them down.

I know how.



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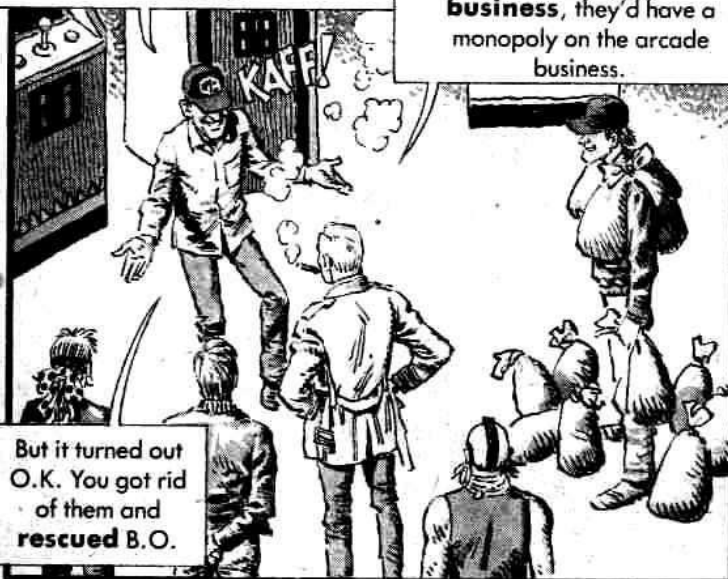
Got 'cha.

KOFF!



You guys did a **great** job. Mudlark's got your payment. But what I don't get is **why** they were doing it?

They owned the arcade at the Daryl Hall Tall and Small Mall and got greedy. They figured if they could put you out of **business**, they'd have a monopoly on the arcade business.



But it turned out O.K. You got rid of them and **rescued B.O.**

And it's a good thing. I mean, just **think** what would have happened if they had killed me. You never would have seen my **baby face** again.



Never see your **face** again! Are you **kidding**?

All we'd have to do is go to any newsstand in America. Your puss is **plastered everywhere!**

Well, when you're **hot** you're **hot!**

Funny. Your temperature feels **normal** to me.



THE END



Hey, there! We've been receiving tons of letters lately asking us, "What can a kid do now that summer is over and the cold weather is here?" Well, the first thing I have to say to that is where've you been kid? Summer's been gone for ages! And my second response to that statement is to stick around because this magazine has paid me nearly 4 figures—if you count the cents column—to be your

CRACKED GUIDE TO WINTER SPORTS

SKIING

I guess the best sport to begin with is skiing. I chose that to start with because that's what's written there above my head.



Besides, skiing is one of those sports that participants can hardly wait to do.

Lester, we're still 25 miles from the slopes.

I just wanna be ready when we get there.



Once at the lodge, you have to buy a lift ticket. Might I suggest sticking with the chair lifts. The bargain ones take so much longer.



Before getting on a chair lift, make sure that the trail you're heading for matches your abilities.

Somehow I don't think this is the beginner slope.





Also, when preparing to get off a chair lift, raise your ski tips in the air. Otherwise



If a trail is too steep, go slowly, trying to stay in control.

Ahhhhh!



... and once at the bottom come to a graceful halt.



Remember, a good skier is always easy to spot.



But then, I guess, a bad skier taking on more slope than he can handle is easily spotted too.

Hans, will you give me a lesson?

Can I hold your skis?



ICE FISHING

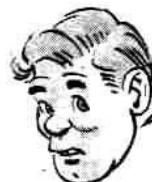
Now here's a winter sport that's not done nearly enough. Of course, that could be because in a lot of areas, there's never any ice to fish through. But anyway . . .



To ice fish, you have to first make a hole in the ice. There are two ways of doing this.

THE NEW MODERN WAY

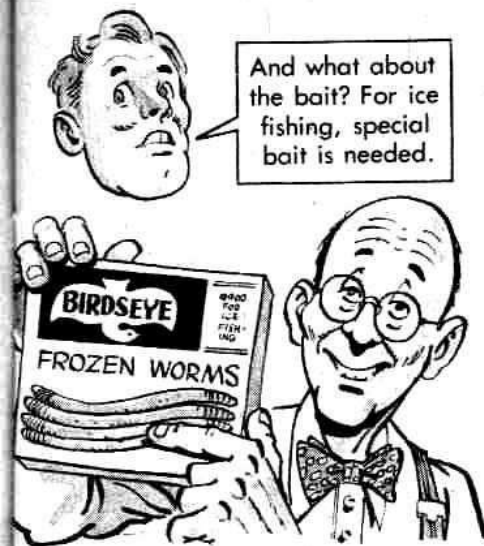
THE OLD FASHIONED WAY



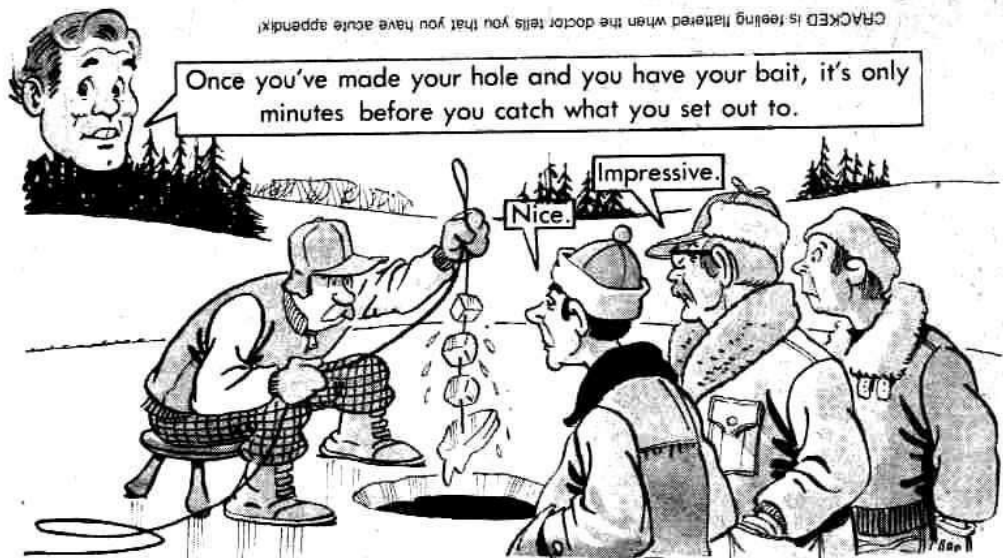
But whichever way you choose, here's a tip . . .

Don't stand on the ice you're chopping.





And what about the bait? For ice fishing, special bait is needed.



Once you've made your hole and you have your bait, it's only minutes before you catch what you set out to.

SLEDDING

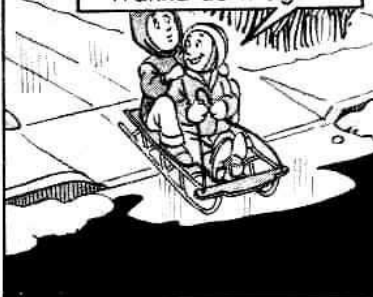
WHOOH! I can see by the letters above my head that it's time to move onto the next winter sport.



Now, what's the most important thing to have in sledding? Right! Reindeer. Well, it is if you're Santa Claus, otherwise, you'll get a hernia pulling all those toys. But I guess for the average person, it's a sled.

Sledding is fun if you prepare. Like, first, pick out a hill that can offer you a decent ride.

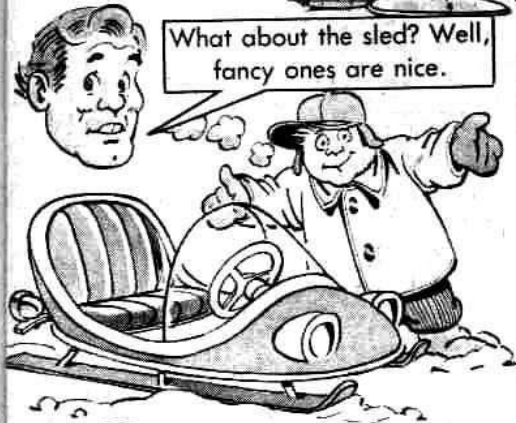
Whooh! That was fun. Wanna do it again?



Also, pick a hill that culminates in a safe spot.



What about the sled? Well, fancy ones are nice.



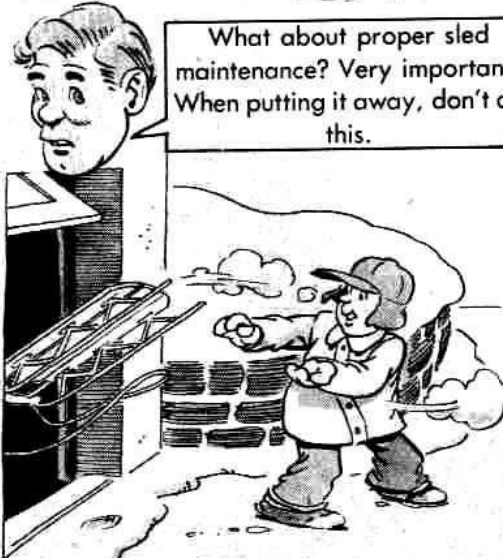
But a homemade one is just as good.



And, in a pinch, you can always improvise.



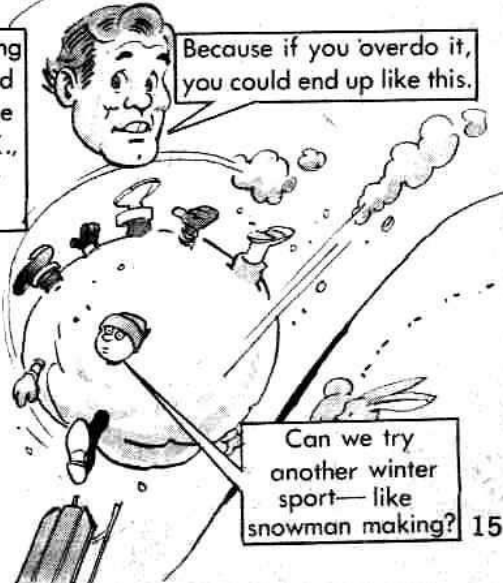
What about proper sled maintenance? Very important. When putting it away, don't do this.



Other than that, there's nothing else you have to do. I should add here that more than one person on a sled is O.K., as long as you don't overdo it.

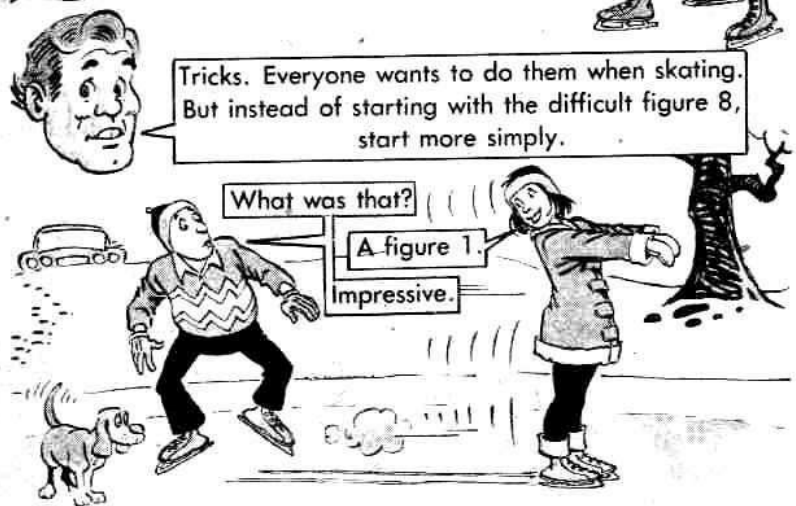
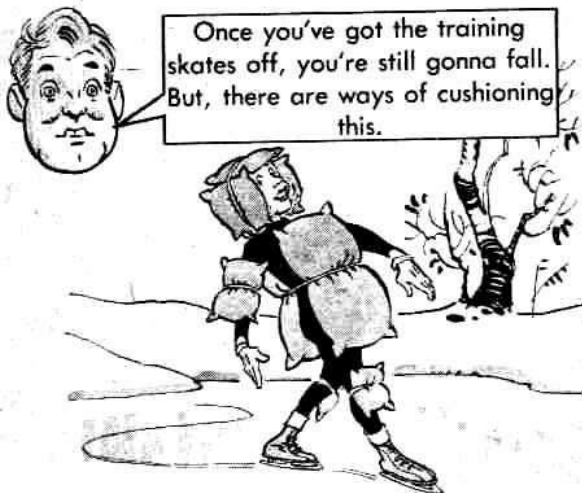
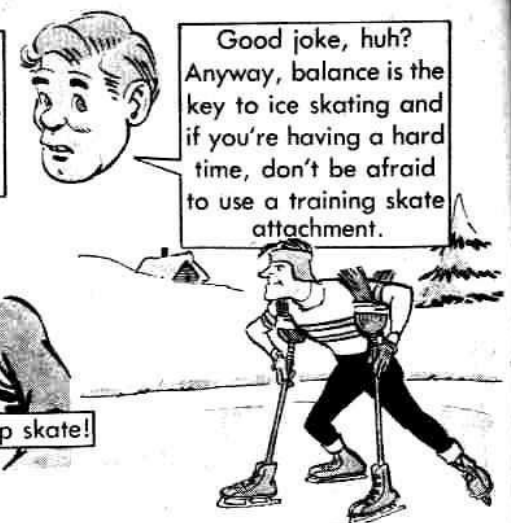
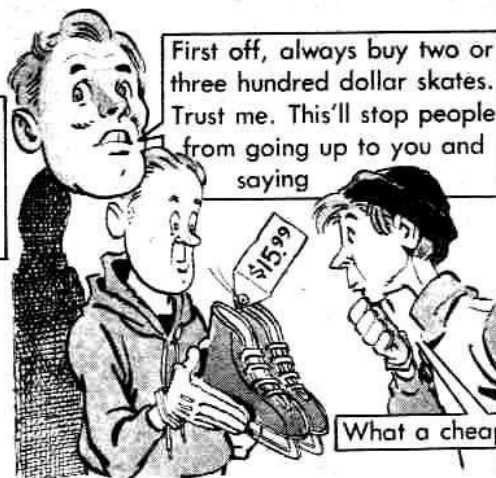
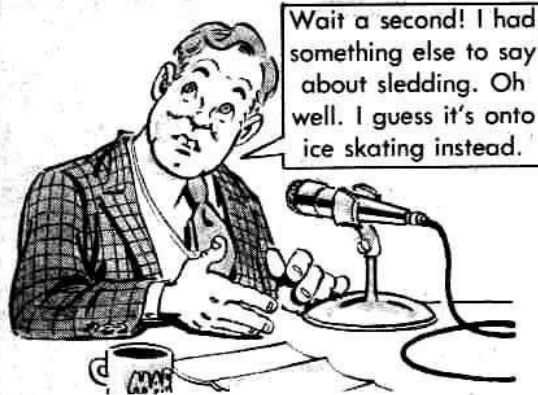


Because if you overdo it, you could end up like this.

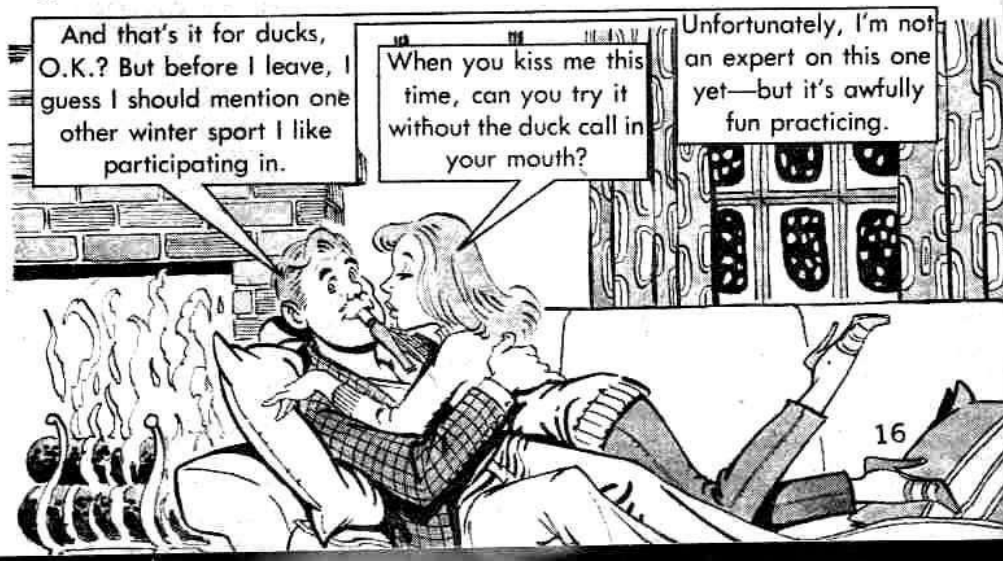
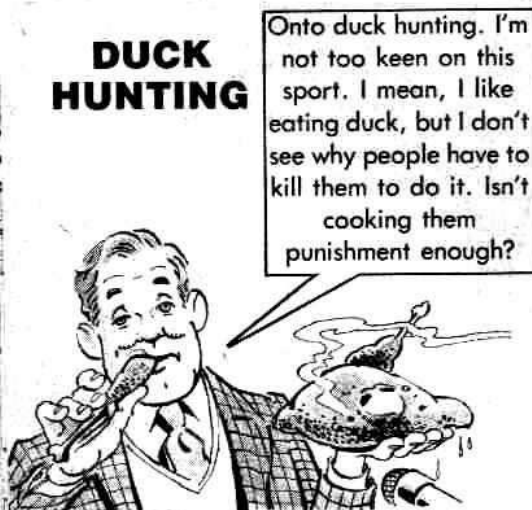


Can we try another winter sport—like snowman making?

ICE SKATING



DUCK HUNTING





No, not **THIS**
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THIS kind of
hold-up!

Hold this page up to the light to see the surprise appear.
You'll soon see, Something Funny Is Going On Here!

What does my
horoscope say?



Remind me never to ask
him for a light again!



I can't book you!
Lion-taming acts
are a dime a dozen!



Alex, is this an
earthquake?



Just think!
We're the very first to
climb this mountain!



What's par
for this
course?



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 THE FUN STARTS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE !
 TURN BACK AND ENJOY THE SURPRISE . . .
 JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT !



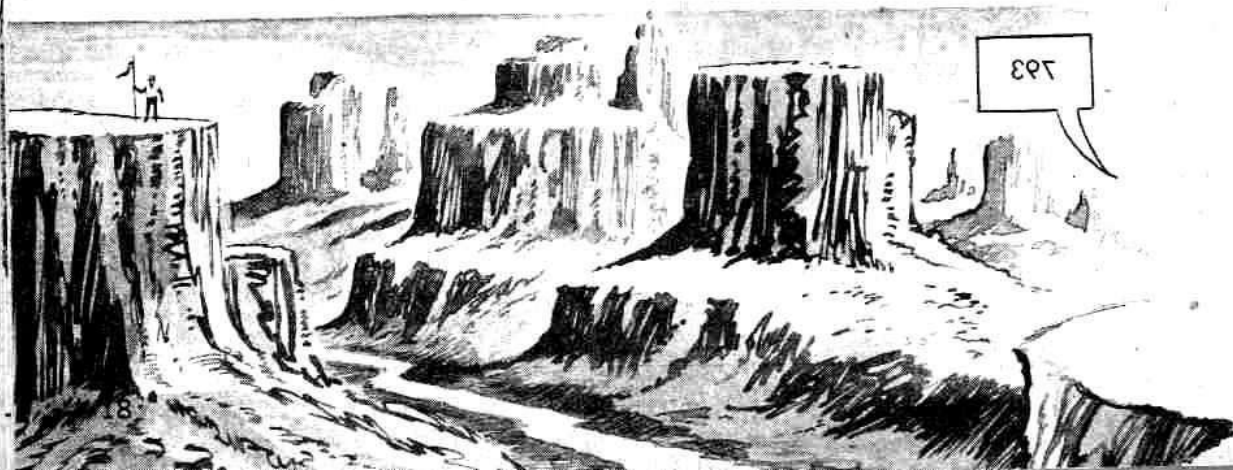
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I wish
 it were ti



But ours is
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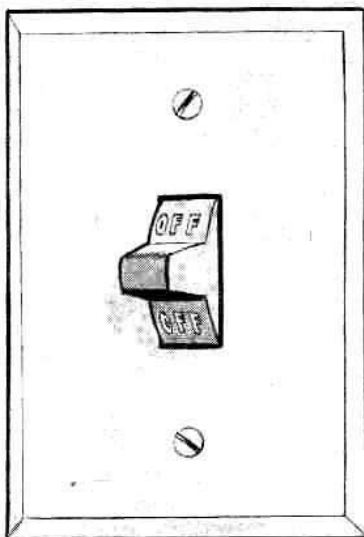
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TURNING COLD FACTS INTO HOT AIR

What's to become of us as our dwindling fuel supplies continue to dwindle? About the only thing we can be certain about is that Madison Avenue will convert disaster into opportunity, as witness...

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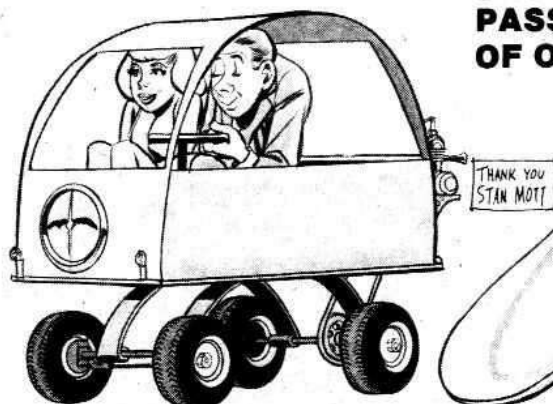
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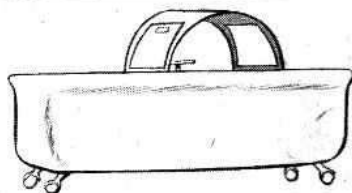
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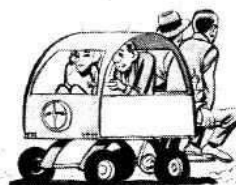
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A GARAGE**

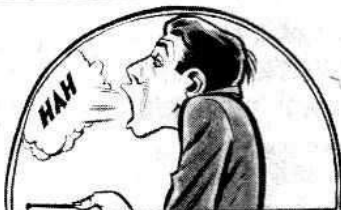
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your bathtub



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PASSENGERS**



*** YOUR HOT BREATH
ACTS AS AN AUTOMATIC
WINDSHIELD DEFROSTER**



*** NEVER REQUIRES EXPENSIVE
TOW CHARGES**

... just slip it under your
arm and carry it to
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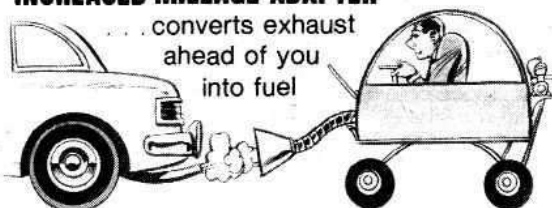
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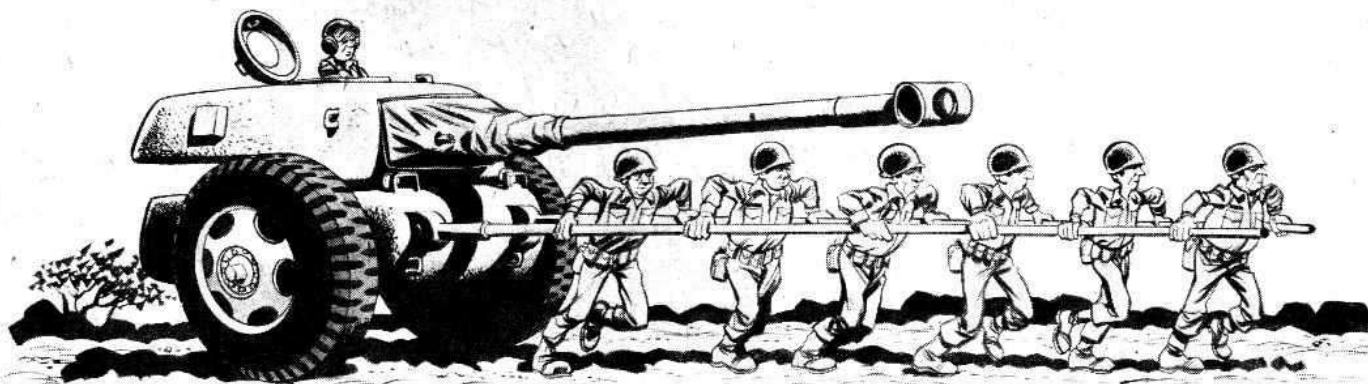


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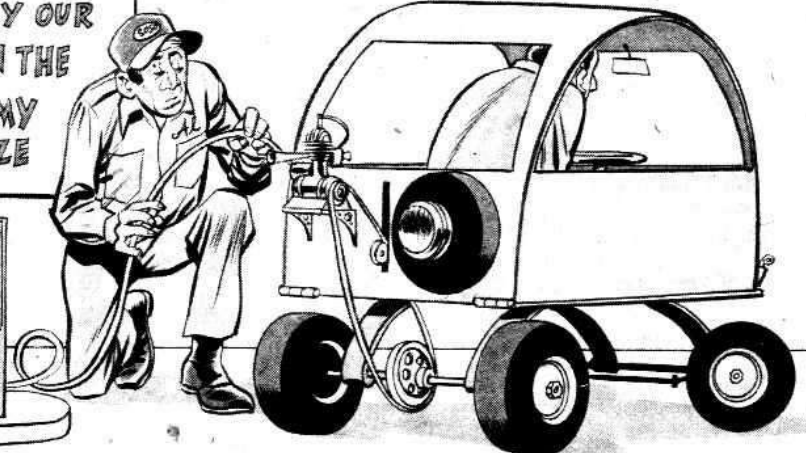
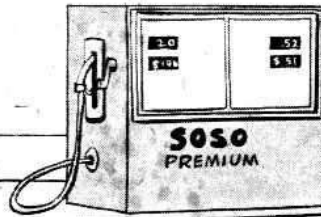
...they're only an inch off the ground.

SOSO
GOOD TO THE LAST DROP

IT PAYS TO BUY OUR
MOTOR OIL IN THE
LARGE ECONOMY
ONE OUNCE SIZE

\$98 A PINT*

* EASY MONTHLY
PAYMENTS ON
A FILL UP



* FREE TOOTHPICK DIPSTICK WITH EVERY FILL UP

**COME OUT ON TOP OF A
KAWASAKI
MACH IV
POGO
STICK**

PRECISION
BALANCE...

TORQUE
ACTION...

FINEST SWEDISH
STEEL COIL
SPRING...

SUPER HARD
RUBBER BASE...

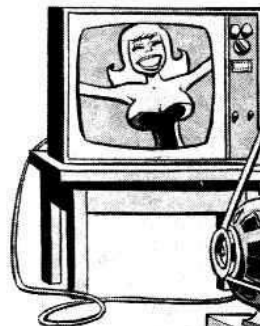


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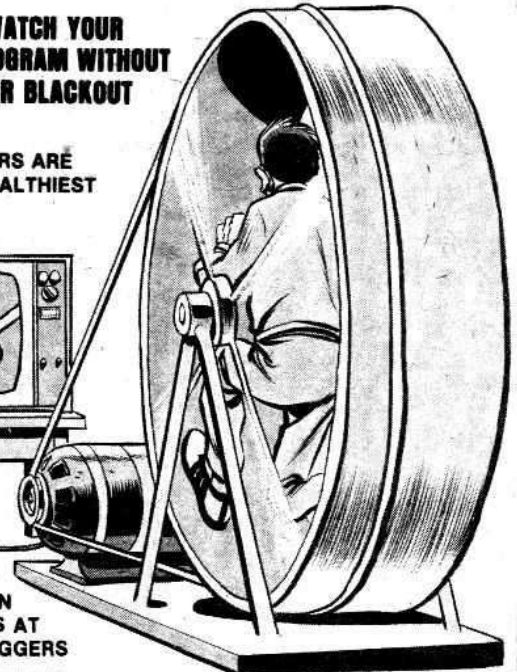
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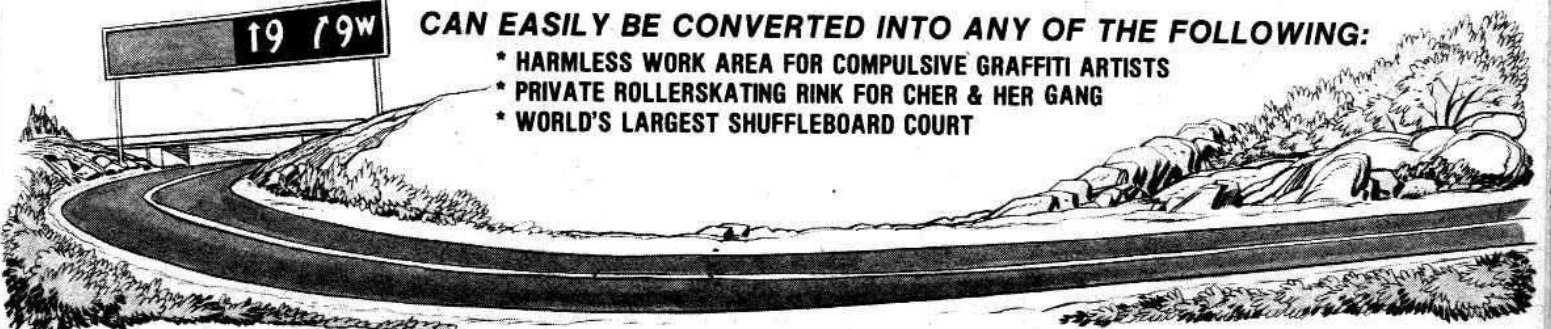


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DON'T YOU

When you stand up to excuse yourself at the dinner table and discover you had tucked in the tablecloth for your napkin.



When you challenge your girl to an arm-wrestle and she wins.



When you do the gentlemanly act of holding a car door open for your date and close it firmly on your thumb.



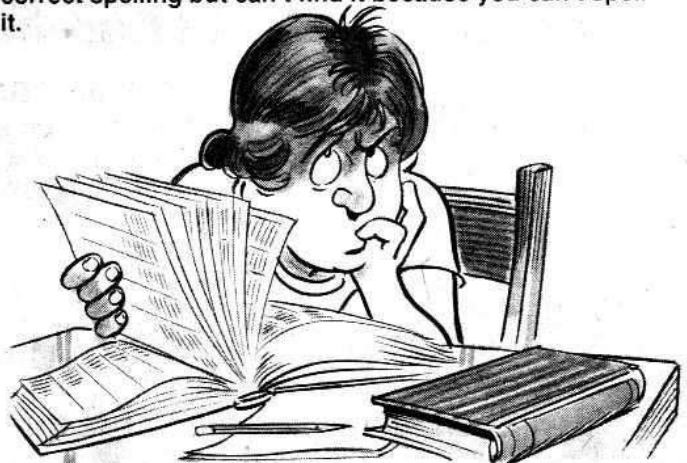
When you patch a leak in your bike's flat tire and blow it out by pumping it up with too much pressure.



When your sister assured you that she can cut your hair as good as any hair-stylist and you believed her.



When you try to look up a word in the dictionary for the correct spelling but can't find it because you can't spell it.



FEEL STUPID

When your girlfriend turns to kiss you and you've already begun to blow a bubble.



When the 'partner' you tap on the shoulder for the next dance turns around to be a boy.



When you try to pour ketchup on your hamburger, and slap the bottle too hard and the ketchup splashes all over the counter, the waiter's face, the next customer's lap, and someone's apple pie.



While watching a movie you accidentally spill a bag of popcorn all over your girlfriend's dress.



You've been chosen to represent your class in a spelling contest and the first word you're given is DOG and you misspell it.



While adjusting a friend's TV set, the knob comes off in your hand leaving you both stuck with a channel which is showing nothing but the station call letters.



Throughout history, man has been developing different ways of transporting himself from one place to another.



But perhaps the most popular transporter of all time has been the 4-wheeled device still with us today. Where did it develop? How did it get to look the way it does? Why are we asking ourselves all these questions when we already know the answers? Enough! Instead, venture forth with us now as we present

THE CRACKED HISTORY OF THE AUTOMOBILE

Perhaps the first reference to a self-propelled land vehicle can be found in the notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci.



Nearly 300 years later (1743), a Swiss inventor, studying Leonardo's notes, decided that the best thing to do was ignore them and develop his own vehicle based on the boat. He reasoned that boats already knew how to move using wind. All he had to do was add wheels and discover a way of providing a constant wind. After much research, he came up with this.



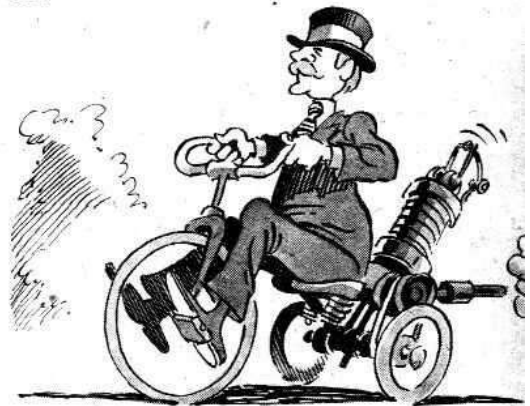
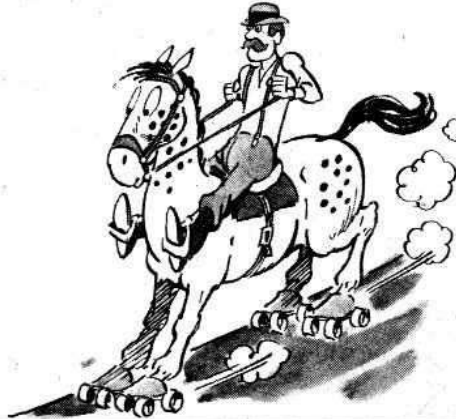
No new developments took place until 1796 when some guy in France, whose name we can't remember, developed a steam-powered car. Wood was thrown onto a fire that boiled water that produced steam that propelled the car. And what a car! It could go up to 4 mph. Only problem was that on a long trip (say 3 or 4 blocks) a great deal of wood had to be brought along for fuel, and this sort of cut into passenger space and comfort.



But man did not quit. In 1807, Sir James Crumbybutton, remembering the old horse and buggy, tried updating the idea.

Sir Richard Wigmaker, seeing this thought it ridiculous and developed his own wheeled vehicle.

But finally, a German, Sam Schnitzel, began working with an internal combustion engine and on May 8, 1883, he came up with the first motorized vehicle.

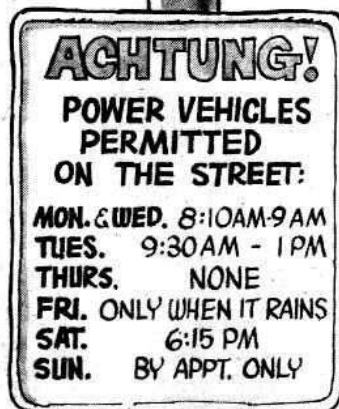


Soon motors were being put into bodies similar to the type Sir James Crumbybutton had developed and man was on his way again—until things hit a snag! Lawmakers in England, France and Germany began passing legislation aimed at avoiding accidents and protecting horses and pedestrians from these new power-driven machines.

There was the 'red flag' law in England that said a power vehicle had to be preceded by a man on foot warning of its arrival.

And Germany decided to post auto-use hours.

And in France, a car was not permitted to move whenever a person, horse or other vehicle was on the street along with it.



Because of this, the car began losing its popularity and was no longer viewed as a mode of transportation. Instead, drivers turned to racing them and began entering their autos into competitions of all types.



But in New York City, a new problem was developing—horse pollution (if you get our drift.) With millions of horses on the street doing their thing everyday, the city was starting to get just a teensy bit unbearable!



What was to be done? The Mayor of N.Y.C. declared that the automobile was the answer to the pollution problem.

And so with prototypes adequately tested, Henry Furd began making his Model T en masse.

There! That car took just under 2 weeks to build. At this rate we can make over 25 cars a year!!

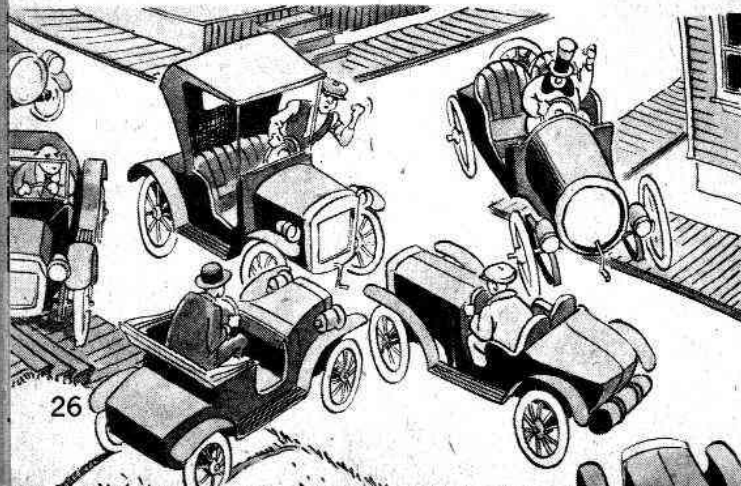


Amazing! However, Henry soon discovered that at this current rate of production, it would take nearly 863 years for him to fill all the orders he had and Furd soon realized that not too many people were willing to leave a \$30 deposit on a car they would take delivery of 200 years after their death. So new avenues had to be explored with, once again, American ingenuity resulting in the development of the assembly line.

The first assembly line was crude and had simply everyone rushing a car body at the same time to attach the part they were responsible for. Early results were mixed.



By 1916, there were over two million cars on the road and, with few regulations written to control their operation, there was somewhat of a chaotic look to the streets.



One other problem arose. Although there were over 20 corporations producing cars, they only came in one color—black—and they all basically looked the same. Thus, whenever you went to retrieve your car from a parking lot...




But soon car production took off and designers began changing their models every year, adding options and trying to outdo the competition.

**THE NEW 1923 KLONGBILE
NOW AVAILABLE WITH DOORS!**
No longer will this happen to you when you turn the corner.



See your Klongmobile dealer today!

**Step up to luxury—
the 1925 STUTS POLECAT—
roomy enough for 3 people.**



Now available in 4 great colors—black, dark black, light black and grey!

1926 will be a year to remember! No longer will you be soaked driving down country roads because each 1926 SPUTTER DELUXE comes equipped with an optional raincoat.



So let it pour! You've got protection in a SPUTTER DELUXE!

Soon the nation was gearing itself up to deal with the automobile full force.

Some states began issuing plates.



While other states began giving lengthy, yet relatively easy driving tests.



And in many states, roads were being built everywhere.



Man and his car were quickly becoming inseparable.



And in the 80 years since the car has been with us, only now has the driver been faced with a major problem.



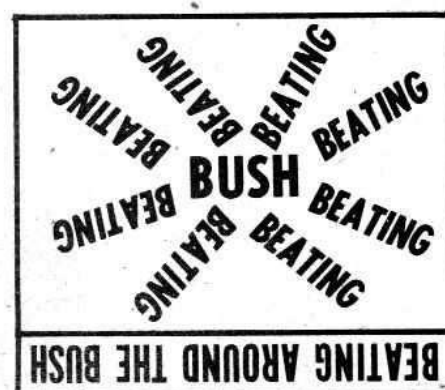
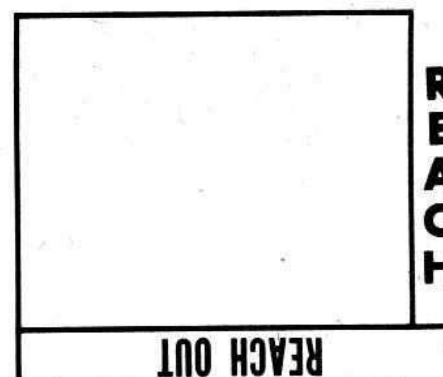
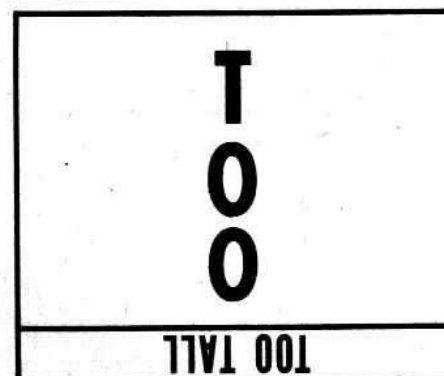
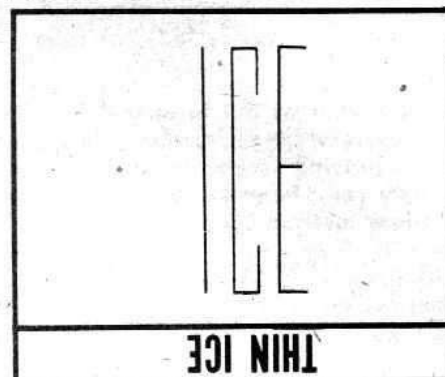
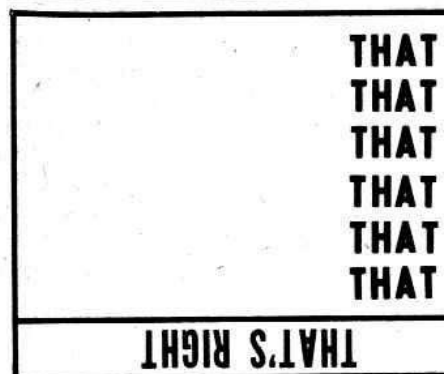
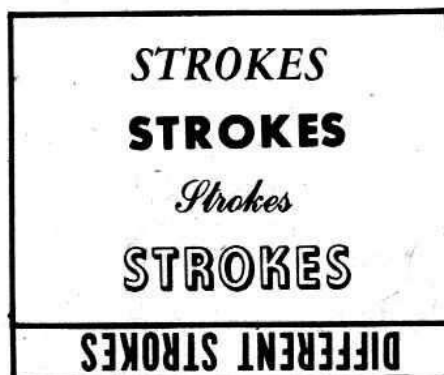
And what of the future? Cars will always be with us for long trips, but for getting to places nearby, man may soon have to rely on a much older method of transportation.



CAN YOU FIGURE
OUT THESE
WORD PICTURE
PUZZLES?

WORD

They're fun to do and tricky too ! For Ex



PLAY

Example: **CAKE** is ... **Upside Down Cake**.

I'M YOU

I'M BIGGER THAN YOU

I
D
E
A

THE RIGHT IDEA

smoke smoke
smoke smoke
smoke smoke
smoke smoke

SMOKE STACKS

BALL

CURVE BALL

FLYING

FLYING HIGH

NUTS *nuts*
Nuts **NUTS**
Nuts *nuts* *Nuts*

MIXED NUTS

CALM

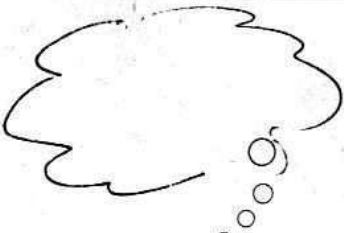
CALM DOWN

pro **mise**

BREAKING A PROMISE

MIRROR
MIRROR

A 'TWO-WAY' MIRROR



PIPE

PIPE DREAM

1
up down

Up one side & down the other

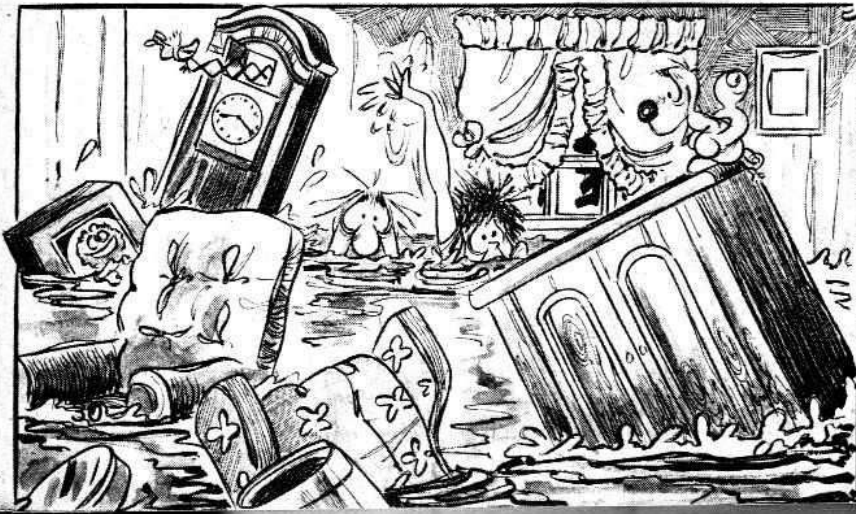
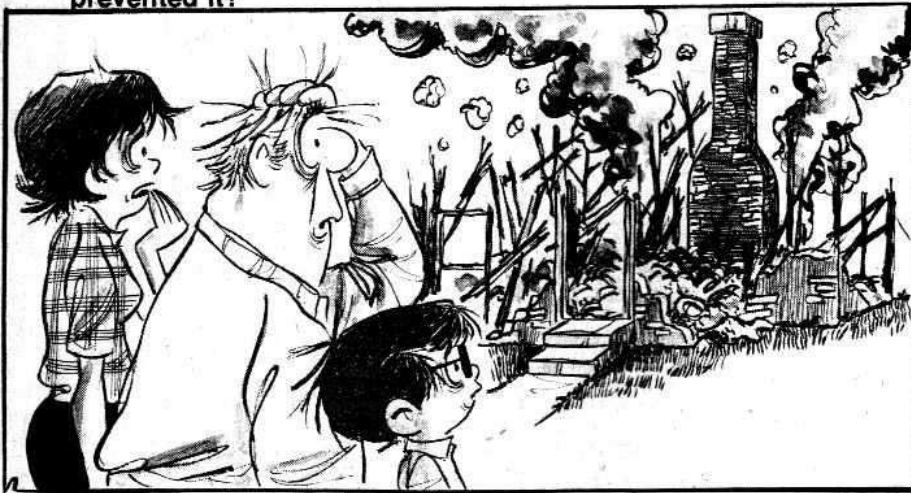
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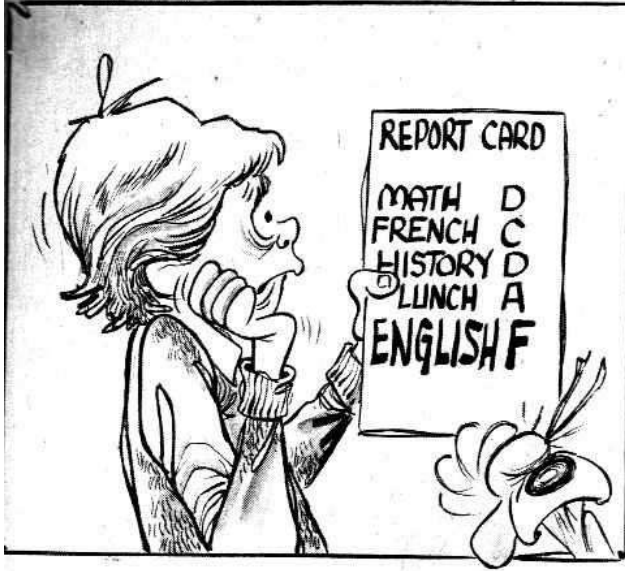
LUCKY BREAK

After something happens, people gather and someone almost inevitably ends up saying, "You know what course of action you should have taken?" Well, this is fine to say, but after-the-fact it's useless. It's the people who help you out before something occurs who are really helping you—like us—as we now explore what went wrong and the

THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE

Look at the problem in the left panel. Can you figure out what you should have done beforehand to have prevented it?

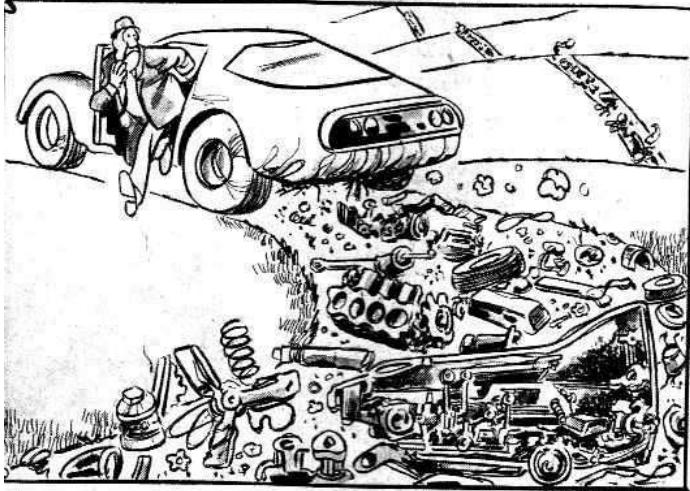




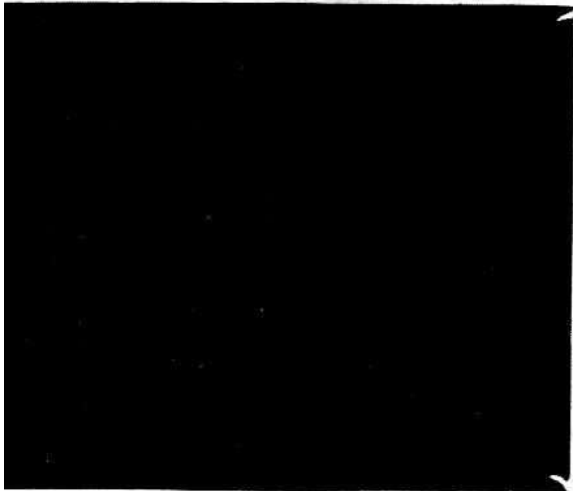
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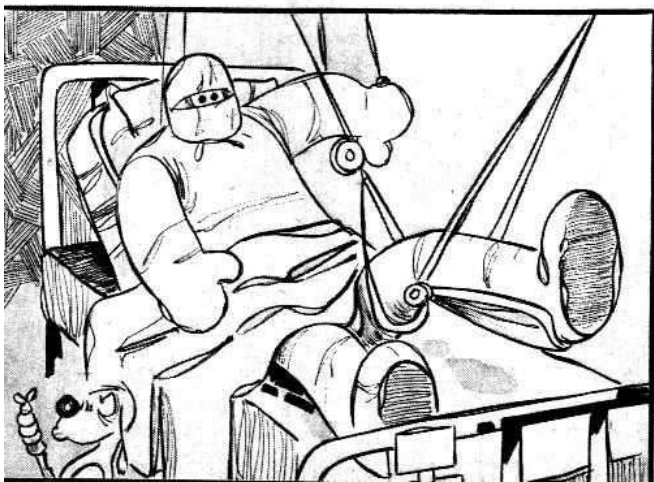
Has anyone ever told
you that you look
a lot like Farrah
Fawcett, Mrs. Frogsmorter?
(Giggle)
Oh, Billy!



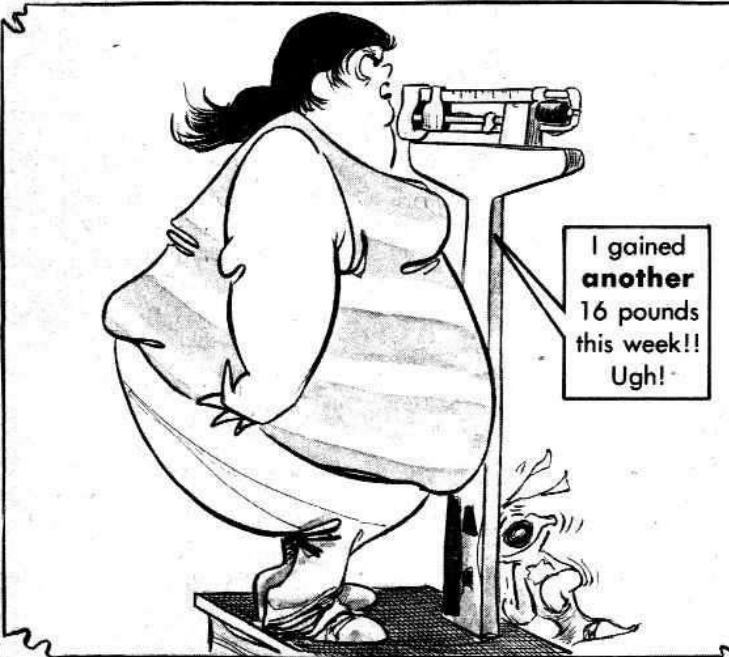
I'm telling you,
it's a steal at
\$300. The car will
give you care-free
driving pleasure for
years to come.
No, I'm
going to
buy a
new car.



HARRY, GET ME
my check book.
ELECTRIC BILL
PAY NOW OR
GO OUT
YOUR LIGHTS
FOR EVER

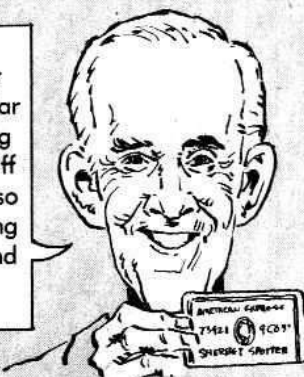


Steve, come with us
to the "No-Frills
Parachuting Center."
Most places charge
\$100, but this place
does it for \$13.99!
It's a bargain you
can't pass up.
Maybe not,
but I'm gonna!





Do you know me? I'm Sherbet Spotter, minor character from that CBS hit MUSH, now the star of this pale imitation. Here at General Purging Veterans Hospital I've been named Chief of Staff and, whenever I can, I keep referring to Korea, so you'll remember the great times you had watching the **old** show and not **notice** the listless lines and lousy writing of this **new** one.



And I'm Max Klingon. I was the one who masqueraded in a dress and had the big nose. Well, the dress is gone, but I **kept** the big nose for old time's sake, so we could still do the big beak jokes. But, though the nose remains, other things **have** changed—like my socks and underwear. O.K., so that's not the **best** one-liner, but you've heard worse—mainly every other joke we've done since we've been on the air.

← HE DIDN'T LEAVE KOREA WITHOUT IT!

AFTER MUSH

Colonel, wanna sign this?

Sure Klingon. What is it anyway?

A check to pay for a surprise gift for my wife's birthday.

Why am I signing **your** check?

No, Colonel. You're signing **your** check. That's the **surprise!** You weren't supposed to know you were giving her something, but now that the cat's out of the bag . . .

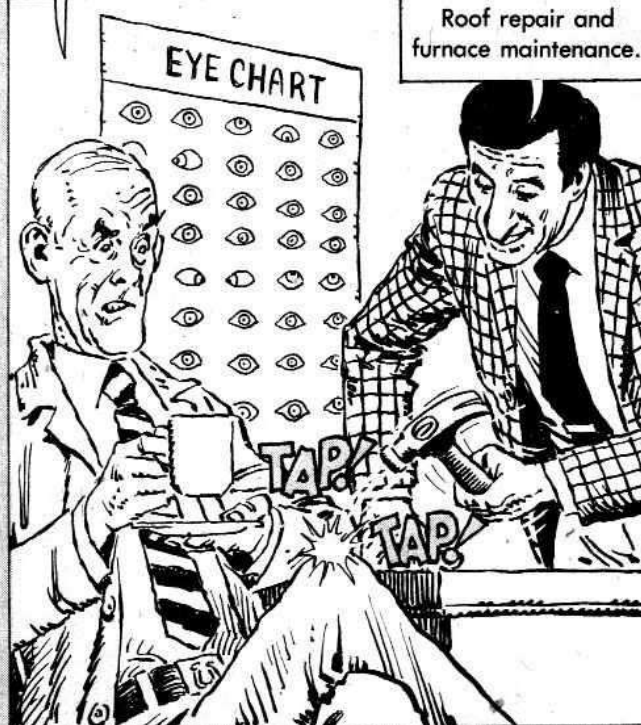


How is Sue-eee anyway?

Fine. She's still working on becoming the perfect American wife.

What's she **practicing** this week?

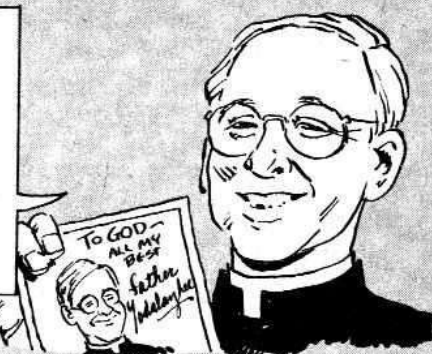
Roof repair and furnace maintenance.





And who would have thought that **me**, Father Yodalayhee, a **minor** minor character on that other show, would end up a star on **this** one. Perhaps the producers were after someone with good looks or a likable personality. Or perhaps it really was because there was nobody else from the old show of any stature who wanted to get involved with this exploited sequel known as

O.O. SEVERIN



S.II

Come on! A wife doesn't have to know **those** things.

You know that and **I** know that, but sir, **she** doesn't. So, why not make the best of it. Think what we'll save on home repairs.



Excuse me sir, but are you busy?

I was speaking with Mr. Klingon.

Oh good. Then you're **not** busy.

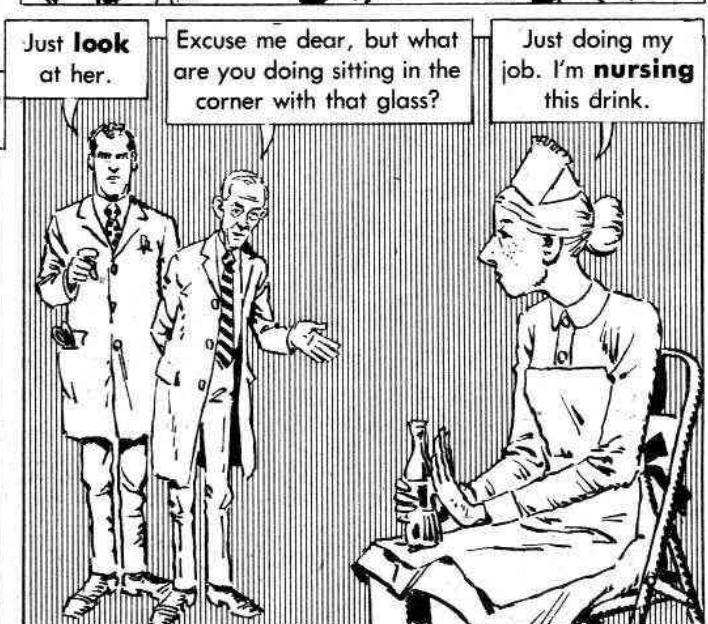
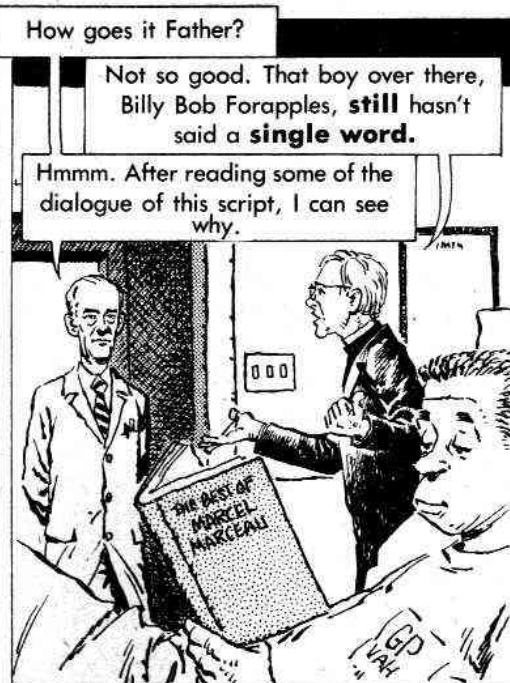


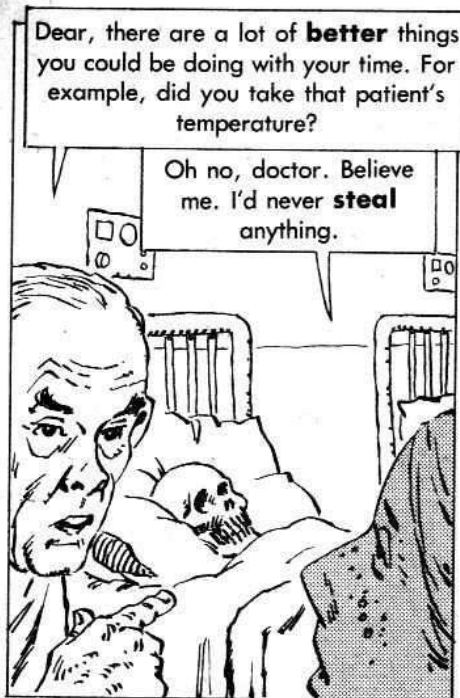
So tell me Miss Fox, how's your younger brother **Small**?

I'll pretend I didn't **hear** that.

Same thing, I'm sure, **most** of our audience is saying about **that** joke.







Dear, there are a lot of **better** things you could be doing with your time. For example, did you take that patient's temperature?

Oh no, doctor. Believe me. I'd never **steal** anything.



Jeans, I think you'd better have a little talk with her.

Why not? Between surgery, seeing 1,100 patients and **washing** down the **hospital** hallways, I've got **nothing** better to do.

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That's the spirit!

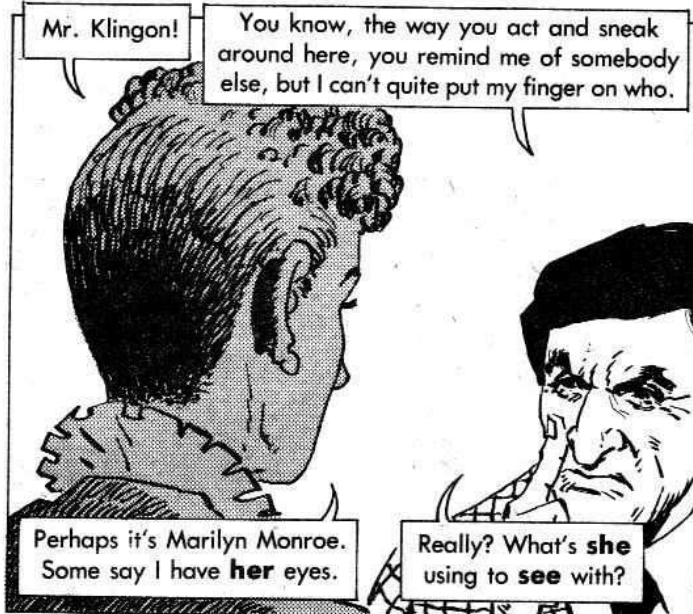


Mr. Klingon! I saw that!

Saw what?

The utter disregard for hospital property. I witnessed you tossing that perfectly **good** paper clip into the garbage.

For your information, it wasn't **perfectly good**. It was falling apart—like you!



Mr. Klingon!

You know, the way you act and sneak around here, you remind me of somebody else, but I can't quite put my finger on who.

Perhaps it's Marilyn Monroe. Some say I have **her** eyes.

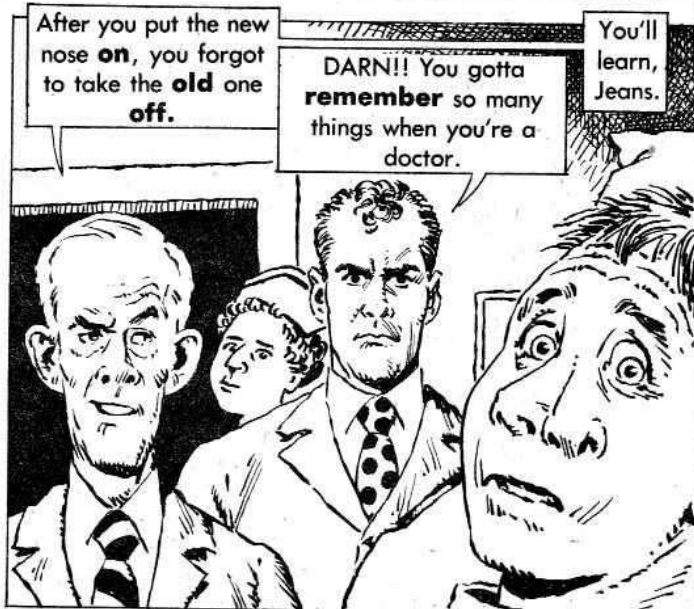
Really? What's **she** using to **see** with?



And what's going on over here?

I'm unwrapping the patient I gave the nose transplant to last week. It was a very delicate operation.

Which appears to have been successful with one **minor** problem.



After you put the new nose **on**, you forgot to take the **old** one **off**.

DARN!! You gotta **remember** so many things when you're a doctor.

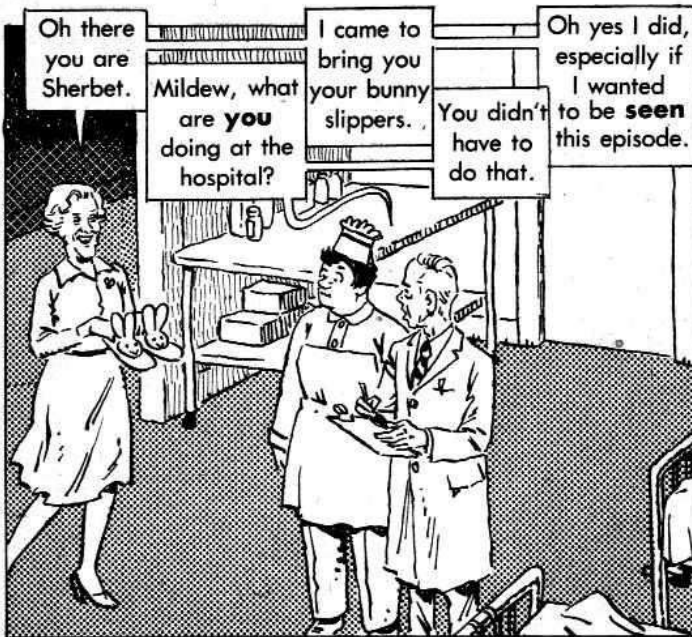
You'll learn, Jeans.

Hey! What about me?

Relax and think positive.

What's so good about having **two** noses?

Well, for one, you'll always be the **first** to smell supper when it's coming down the hall.



Oh there you are Sherbet.

Mildew, what are **you** doing at the hospital?

I came to bring you your bunny slippers.

You didn't have to do that.

Oh yes I did, especially if I wanted to be **seen** this episode.

You're **never** home. It's like you were still overseas in Korea.

Did I **ever** tell you about Korea?

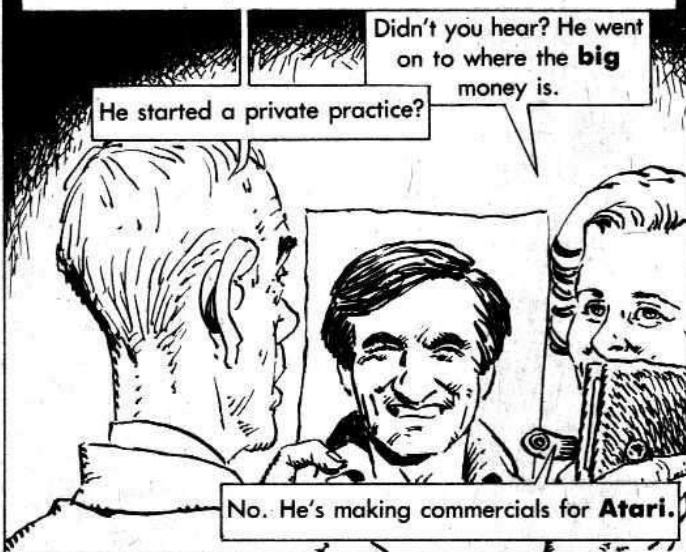
11,000 times! And that was just in your **first** week home.



ADMITTING

I'M SORRY, SIR, THIS IS A VETERAN'S HOSPITAL! UNLESS YOU CAN SHOW THAT YOU'VE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES...

I'm sorry Mildew, but I **miss** some of the people who were there like Hawkeye. I wonder whatever became of him?

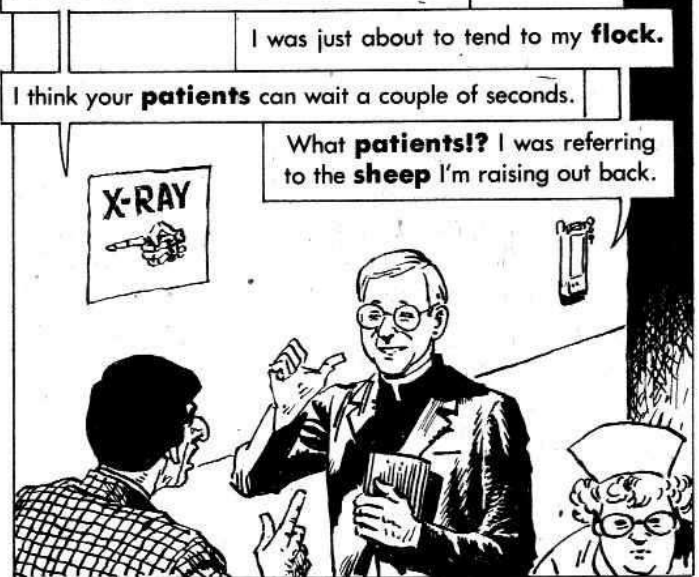


Didn't you hear? He went on to where the **big** money is.

He started a private practice?

No. He's making commercials for **Atari**.

Father, could I talk to you for a second?



I was just about to tend to my **flock**.

I think your **patients** can wait a couple of seconds.

What **patients**!? I was referring to the **sheep** I'm raising out back.

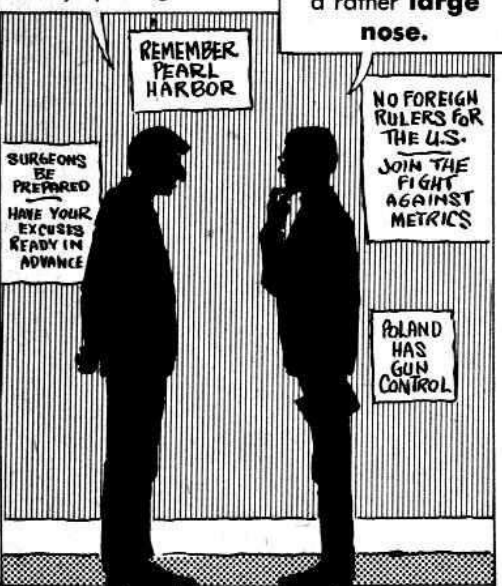
But go on. I've always got an **extra** ear for you.



Don't tell me Dr. Piper did a **transplant** operation on you **too**?

Klingon. Your problem?

Oh. It's Miss Fox. She's always picking on me.



Well, you do have a rather **large** nose.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

SURGEONS BE PREPARED HAVE YOUR EXCUSES READY IN ADVANCE

NO FOREIGN RULERS FOR THE U.S. JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST METRICS

POLAND HAS GUN CONTROL

See! I told you we'd work in a big beak joke!



It's more than that. I just get this feeling she's always around, as if she's spying on all of us.

I think you're **paranoid**!

No, Father. **Lebanese**.

Klingon, where do you get all of those **awful** jokes?

Out of here. He sold it to me right after they declared peace in Korea.

GREAT ONE-LINERS
by
HAWKEYE PEARCE

Nurse Purse, I'd like to speak with you if you have **time**.

You're in luck. My new **issue** just came in the mail. Otherwise, you'd have to wait a whole week.

It's about this patient here.

Something wrong? Dr. Piper told me to **dress** his wound.

With a bandage—not a shirt and tiny pair of pants.

And they took **so long** for me to make.

Oh, Colonel Spotter, I don't know what I'm going to do. Everything I attempt is **wrong**. And I wanted to be a nurse **so bad**.

Well, in a way, you've achieved your goal.

Because I'm a nurse?

NEUROLOGISTS
GET ON YOUR
NERVES!

HONK!

No, because you're **so bad**.

Tell me. Do you really want to help your fellow man?

More than anything.

Then there's one important thing you should do.

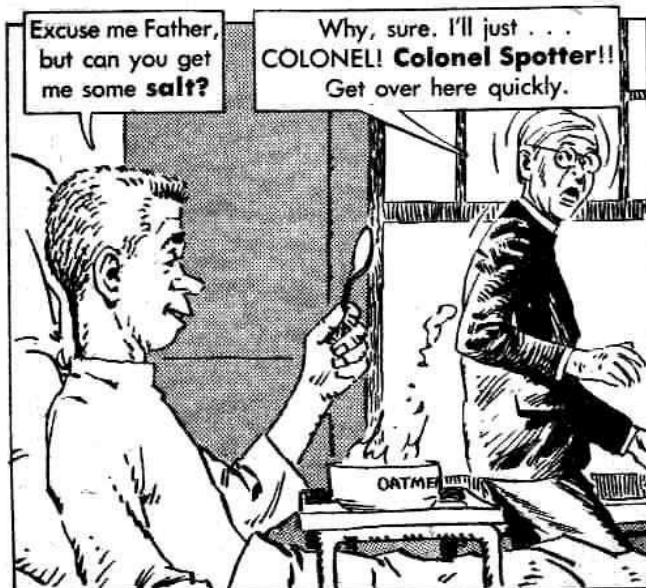
What's that?

GROSS!

Get out of medicine and go into the dry cleaning business. The further away you are from the sick, the better off they'll be.

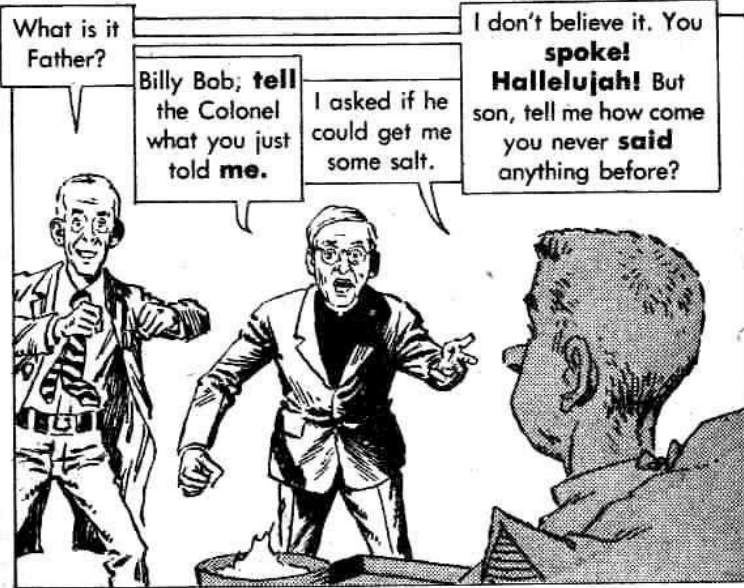
Here you go Billy Bob. I brought you supper . . . oatmeal flambé. I see we're still the same. Tell me, did you ever hear the joke about the pig, the chicken and the one-eyed accordion player? No, huh! Gee, I was hoping someone had because I've been dying to hear it. Oh well. I'll check with you again tomorrow.

PEDIATRISTS
ARE ALWAYS
UNDERFOOT!



Excuse me Father, but can you get me some **salt**?

Why, sure. I'll just . . .
COLONEL! Colonel Spotter!!
Get over here quickly.



What is it Father?

Billy Bob; tell the Colonel what you just told **me**.

I asked if he could get me some salt.

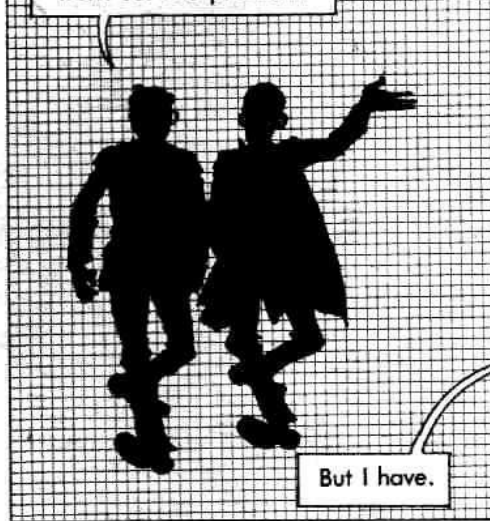
I don't believe it. You **spoke!**
Hallelujah! But son, tell me how come you never **said** anything before?



Up until now, everything's been **O.K.**

Well, I think that wraps up another day here at General Purging. Billy Bob's spoken, our rotten nurse has left and I got to talk about Korea 4 more times. A **good** day.

Now if only Klingon could work out **his** problem.



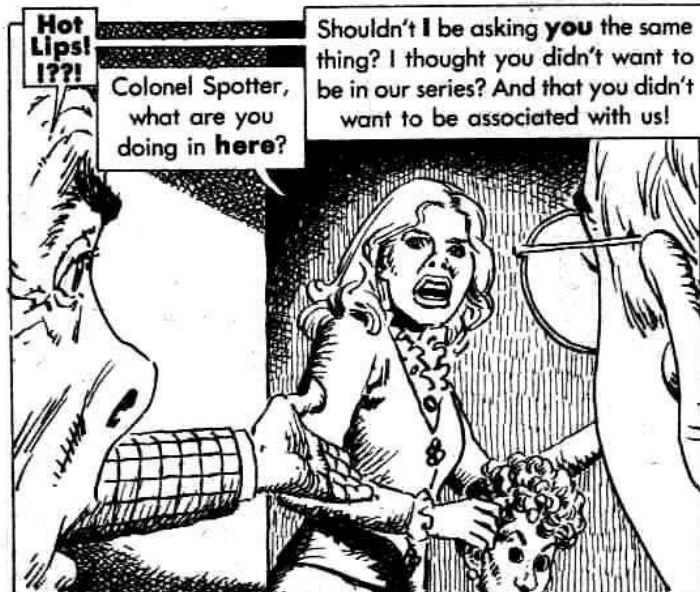
But I have.



Father. Colonel. We have an **imposter** in our midst. Miss Pox is **not** Miss Pox. She's really another nasty person we all knew.

Go on son. Mussolini's been dead for years.

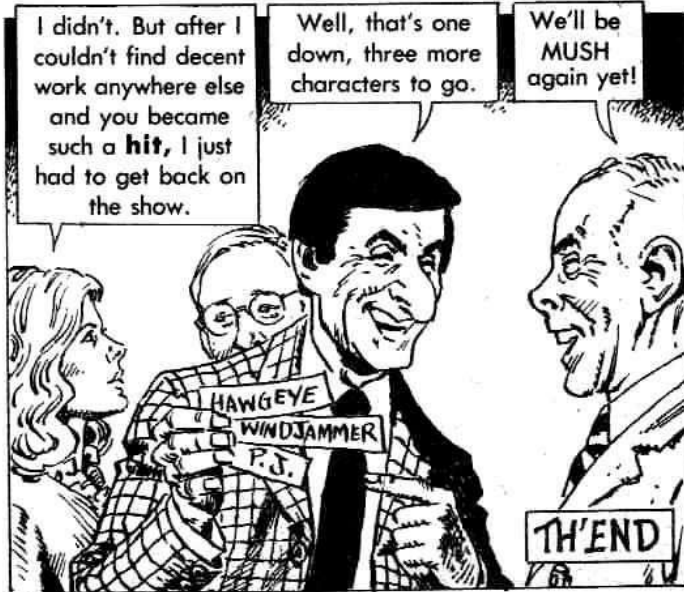
Not Mussolini. I bet that if we tiptoed into her office without knocking, we'd find out that Miss Pox is actually . . .



Hot Lips! ???!

Colonel Spotter, what are you doing in **here**?

Shouldn't I be asking **you** the same thing? I thought you didn't want to be in our series? And that you didn't want to be associated with us!



I didn't. But after I couldn't find decent work anywhere else and you became such a **hit**, I just had to get back on the show.

Well, that's one down, three more characters to go.

We'll be **MUSH** again yet!

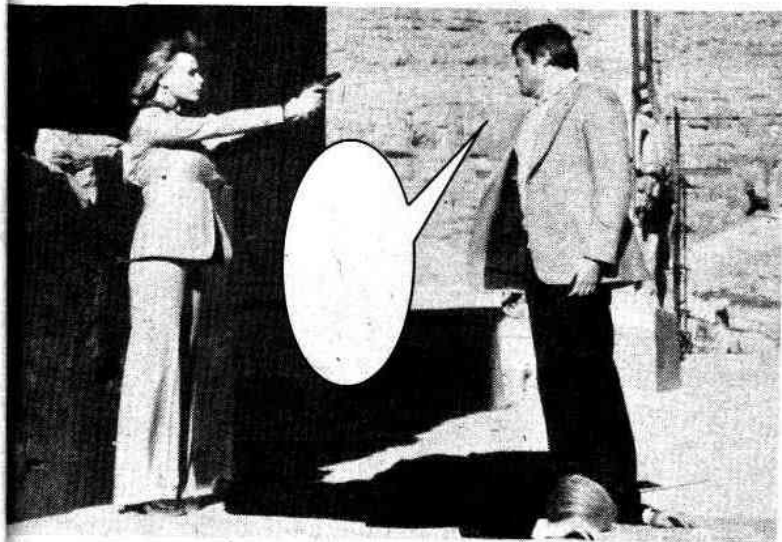
TH'END



THE CRACKED HUMOR QUIZ

Can you pick the correct gag captions for each of the photos below?

#1



A) Oh HIM? He's not dead. He's just showing me what the bear skin rug in his den looks like.
(The correct answer is A. If you picked this, very good. Go on to the next caption)

#2



A) Why you holding that up? ... Oh I get it. You're trying to tell me that you can't talk because you're a little horse!
The correct answer is B. (We really weren't that crazy about A and had a second caption written ... We just forgot to put it down.)

NOW TRY YOUR LUCK WITH THESE.



#3

A) Really! All the men in LA are wearing them now.
B) It's a weird request, but if your horse REALLY NEEDS A FEED BAG that bad ... here.
C) Gosh Johnny, you'd make a great handbag rack for any restaurant. Take the job and make me proud of you!

#4

A) Jack, I told you. I really don't wanna square dance now.
B) O.K. I'll feel your muscle. Just don't punch me in the kidneys again.
C) Ah, let's see ... I think THIS HAND has the M&M's in it!



#5



- A) So if you wanna buy a ripe grapefruit, kind of feel it like this.
 B) We're in luck men! I just found a brain for Lisa's transplant operation.
 C) Ha ha. You're not gonna believe this, but I accidentally glued this ball to my hands!

#7



- A) I really wish they had had towels in the ladies room.
 B) Yes, officer. I was the one driving this bus. Go 'head and handcuff me.
 C) This is the last time I let myself be crammed into a bus during rush hour. Next time we're taking a taxi.

#9



- A) Hal, you're going out there an unknown, but you're coming back as a star!
 B) Listen to me again. Because she's a girl, she's your SISTER—not your BROTHER!
 C) You have the pill in your mouth? Well then swallow it. That's the only way an aspirin can work.

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#6



- A) ARGHAGH! Who put the ice cube down my back!?!
 B) Gotcha! When the dentist says open wide, I go like this.
 C) Oh my gosh! That's not a horse Mr. McDuffy is with! That's my wife!

#8



- A) Hey! How do you guys like my imitation of Charles Laughton as THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME?
 B) Laura, would you stop talking and change the flat already. I can't hold this truck up much longer.
 C) Ooh. That itch feels so much better now.

#10



- A) SEE! I can shake hands with two people at once.
 B) Of course I'm Italian. Can't you see the way I use my hands when I talk?
 C) I'm tellin' you, the fish I caught was DIS BIG!

#11

ARMED FORCES
EXAMINATION
AND
ENTRANCE STATION



- A) But Darla, I'm telling you. We CAN have a future together. Don't let height become an obstacle.
B) Did you know you had a wart on the back of your neck?
C) C'mon, mom. All the kids parents are letting them enlist.

#12



- A) I hope you're right about this gadget being able to grow hair.
B) And when I tap you like this, you're it. Then you have to try and tag someone else.
C) I'm sick and tired of everyone asking us if we're quintuplets.

#13



- A) Sounds like . . . tree! . . . Tree? . . . Oh . . . THE TREE STOOGES!
B) Yeah you can go in the bushes if you want, but why don't you wait. I'm pretty sure there's a gas station just up the road.
C) Trust me! We ALL said GESUNDHEIT. Now SNEEZE already!

#14



- A) O.K. O.K. I believe you. This is a hold up. But it'd be a heck of a lot more convincing if you used a gun instead of your finger.
B) What do you mean MY turn to pay the check? This is the first time we've ever eaten together.
C) Can't you just whisper softly that my fly is open? Do you have to point?

#15



- A) Oh, don't call and cancel the reservations. Antarctica in the winter might be fun.
B) I already tried room service. They don't serve Coco Puffs after 11.
C) Clint, I know this is Las Vegas, but there's no such thing as DIAL-A-DIVORCE!

#16



- A) I don't know how the congregation is gonna feel about a CONVERTIBLE church. Can't we just install air conditioning like they requested?
B) I like the cake, but those candles are kind of weird.
C) Good idea! We can hide the MX missiles on the TOP of our church like so. I'll phone Mr. Reagan.

#17



- A) Hey, look! A Concord!
 B) I'm sorry, but I'd rather not tango just now.
 C) Yeah, I guess this is ONE WAY to keep my nose from running.

#19



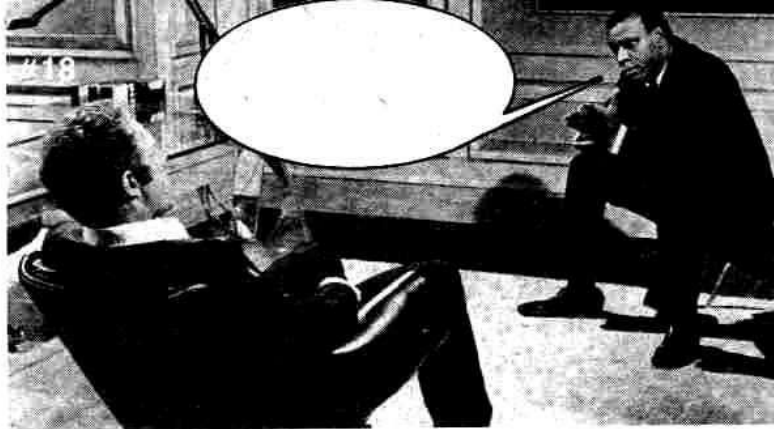
- A) What do you mean it doesn't look like a bunny rabbit? Look at the shadow on the wall again.
 B) Yes, it's true. I can open this LOCKED chest using nothing more than THIS little finger.
 C) Oh GO AHEAD your honor and try and TOSS your DONUT onto my finger if it'll make you happy.

#21



- A) I think your video phone still has a few bugs in it. That's NOT my sister!
 B) Come on! I know I'm a good dentist, but I can't examine that man LIKE THIS!
 C) You disgust me! When you said you were taking me to see a movie I thought you meant OUT at a theater! Not UP in your apartment!

#18



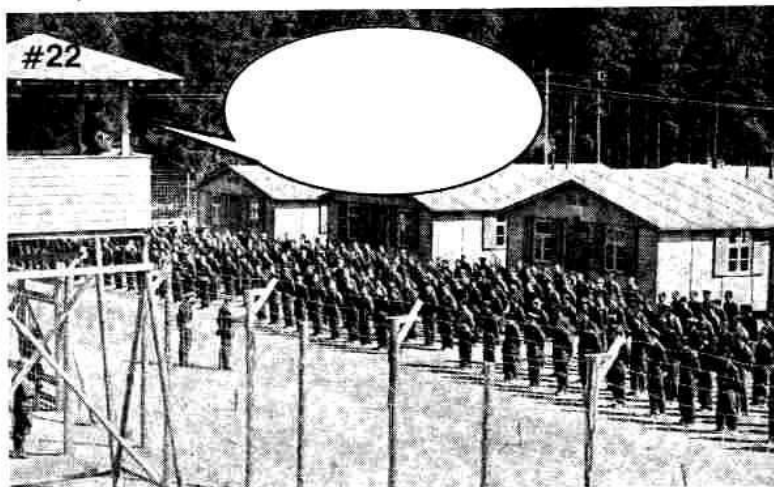
- A) Did you want to see something with laces or did you have a pair of boots in mind this time?
 B) I hope the waiter hasn't forgotten to bring us our table like he promised.
 C) I think it's time to be completely honest with you. I'm NOT Eddie Murphy.

#20



- A) Oh, I'm not complaining about the number of girls you're giving me to choose from, Mrs. Grover. It's just that I had hoped your dating service could have set me up with a somewhat older woman!
 B) So those are the rules to roulette. Now we'll move onto blackjack.
 C) Now wait! Could you explain to me once more Einstein's theory of relativity?

#22



- A) Thanks for coming to the audition, but I'm sorry to have to inform you that we've already filled the last two spots in the chorus.
 B) You'll find that our sleepaway camp is a bit stricter than most, but if you behave, you should have a good summer.
 C) You call yourself a men's choir!! Half of you are just moving your lips!! Haven't you learned the lyrics to HAPPY BIRTHDAY yet?

ANSWERS AND SCORING

The correct answer for captions 3-22 is A, B or C. If you picked any of those answers score 5 points for each.

100 pts. Good
 90-95 pts. Not bad

65 or below

You must have been taking some other test because no one could possibly score THAT low!



Hi! I'm Nanny Dickering and I've probably done more highly acclaimed interviews than anybody currently working in Hollywood . . . and I'm proud of it! But not as proud as a man who has produced more critically HATED movies than anyone, but whose films have grossed million\$ more than CRACKEDS' interviews. WHY? We're both about to find out now when we meet Sidney Schlock as

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE 3-D KING

Mr. Schlock, it's been said that you've produced some of the **worst** movies ever made.

"Jawz 3-D?" "The Baked Bean That Attacked Boston?" "Metalicstorm?" You call those **bad**?

Bad doesn't even begin to define what I call them and yet, people flock to see them — why?

It's because of the gimmick! And until audiences tire of the novelty, I can keep getting away with just about everything 3-D stands for.

And what's that?

Dim-witted, Dumb and Dull.



#1 **3-D NONE!**

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JAWS3

THE KINKS

#3

O.K., I admit some of my movies are **dull** and a little **slow moving**.

Mr. Schlock, in "The Killer Worms" it took **45 minutes** for the worms just to get to the house they were attacking. That's not **slow**. That's a **crawl**!

Of course it's a crawl! What'd you want the worms to do—**run**?

One of the biggest things that bothers everybody about your 3-D epics are these glasses.



#1

IN

1



Notice how they keep **slipping off** those kids' heads? If you can't keep the glasses on, then you can't see the movie.

Exactly!

Oh! Beat, man! Did you **see** the way that spear came out at us?

My glasses slipped!!
Darn! Now I'm gonna have to see the movie **again!**

As you can see, those flimsy glasses are great for repeat business.

Of course, if kids want to avoid the slipping problem, they can invest in the more durable kind sold at many concession stands for a mere \$15.

\$15! That's highway robbery!

No, Nanny. That's free enterprise.

CRACKED is marrying an ugly girl because if she leaves you, so what!

But durable glasses or cardboard, that still doesn't eliminate some of the other problems like how **blurry** the screen is whenever something moves. Is that due to the 3-D process?

No, that's due to the cameraman I use . . .

Irving Shakes.

He certainly does!

That's because **before** becoming a cameraman, he operated a **jack hammer** for 21 years.



But if he blurs up all your films, why use him?

He's got one other quality you can't beat—he works cheap!



While we're talking about how you make your movies, could you possibly reveal to us how you got the shark in "Jawz 3-D" to leap at your cameraman, so that it appears he's jumping out at the audience in the film?

It was simple.



I merely gave him the **right motivation!**



So you liked that movie?

About as much as I enjoy smelling **soiled socks.**

Thanks. Well, I'll give you another inside tip. I'm about to make a second sequel in 3-D if I can get the rights.

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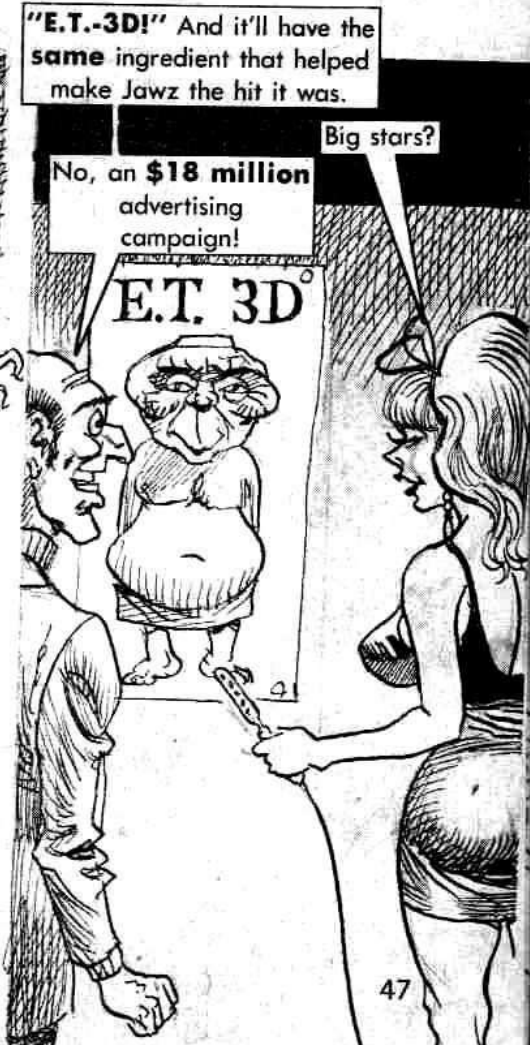


"E.T.-3D!" And it'll have the **same** ingredient that helped make Jawz the hit it was.

Big stars?

No, an **\$18 million** advertising campaign!

E.T. 3D





Sounds great, but changing the subject for a second, do you have any plans to use the 3-D process for anything other than movies?

Oh, yes. Why, at the moment, I'm working with AT and T to develop 3-D phone bills.



See the way those long distance charges just **jump** right out at you?

Right.

Now even the bill **reaches out** and **touches** you.



And I'm also developing "**Whacky Puffs**" a 3-D breakfast cereal.

And to think the Cheerios I had this morning just laid there in my bowl! **How boring!**

CRACKED is going on a garlic diet and losing 20 pounds plus 3 friends!



But my best thing to come is 3-D TV and **NO GLASSES** will be needed.

Are you kidding?
No glasses!

There's only one drawback so far . . .

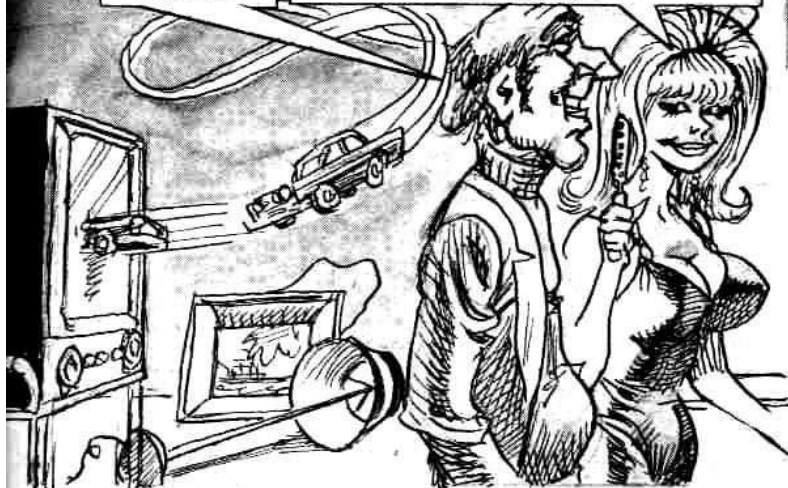


Your house really takes a **beating** during a car chase scene.

WHAP

But that's the future. For the present, I'm sticking with movies.

And speaking of your movies, there's another thing that bothers me. To me it seems like the 3-D effects are just sort of thrown in, and have **nothing** to do with the film.



Like take the most famous scene in your 3-D epic, "Robotron—The Killer Robot Who Wasn't Very Nice."



It's Robotron! And he's about to **crush** us all! Quick, everybody! **Brush your teeth!**



Great effect, huh?

Yeah only, how many families do you know who brush their teeth right before being **crushed** by a killer robot?

O.K., so maybe we stretched the scene a little to work in the 3-D.



But say what you will, my 3-D films have made great strides since those of the 50's and that's what I'm most proud of.

Wait a minute. The glasses slip, the film blurs and the plots stink. Just what is this **great stride** you've made?



The films of the 50's never made more than a \$3 million profit. Mine are constantly making more than **10 times that**. Now, THAT'S a great stride!

Thank you Sidney Schlock. And this is Nanny Dickering returning you to **CRACKED**.



SHUT-UPS



CHECKMATE!! Got time for one more game of chess, Hal?!



SHUT-UP! You know we both have 20 more years to go!



HELP!
HELP!



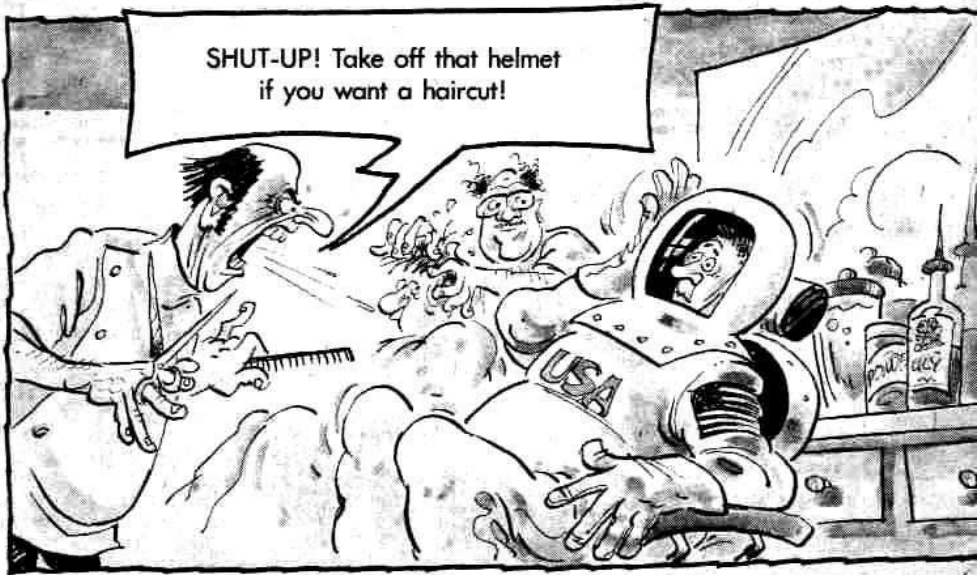
SHUT-UP! Here's your hamburger and cola!



Yes sir, Tony! Being an astronaut is the greatest! It makes me proud when I'm soaring around the world looking down . . .



SHUT-UP! Take off that helmet if you want a haircut!



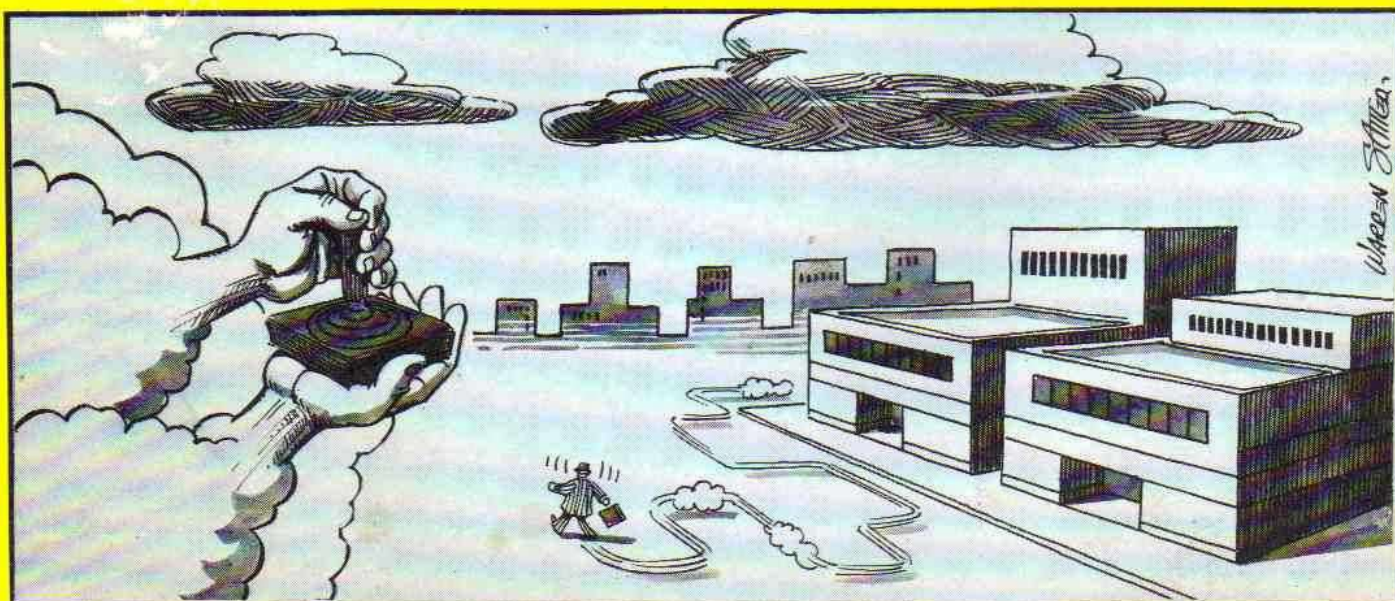
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